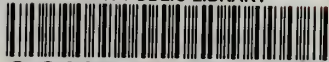


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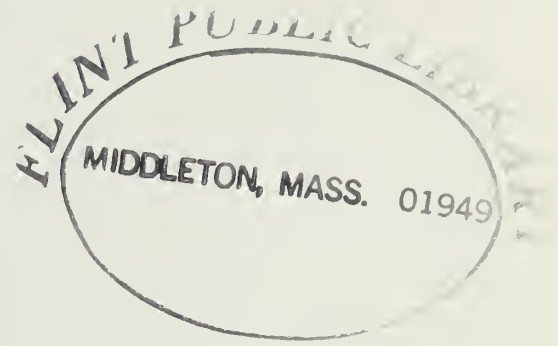
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TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINTH
MUNICIPAL YEAR

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DEDICATION

JOSEPH CONCEISON

The Middleton Board of Selectmen, acting on behalf of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, takes pride in dedicating this 1997 Town Report to **Joseph E. Conceison**, who has served his fellow Middleton residents for over 29 years as an unpaid volunteer.

For many years, Joe served and continues to serve on various ad hoc committees requiring citizen participation, but most importantly he participated as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals from 1967 until

he "retired" for the third time this year. Each time he stepped down, he was asked to return again temporarily until he had served for 28 years, 2 years as Chairman of that board and 8 years as board Clerk.

Today much of the visual structure of our town is due to Joe's efforts in approving the good and being able to say "no" to that which was not in our Town's best interest – not an easy job.

Thank you Joe.



TOWN OFFICIALS ELECTED - 1997



MODERATOR

Henry A. Tragert	1998
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TOWN CLERK

Sarah B. George	1999
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SELECTMEN

Richard O. Ajootian	1998
Stephen H. Durham	1998
Richard W. Kassiotis	1999
Nancy M. Jones	2000
William R. Mugford	2000

CONSTABLE

Robert M. Aldenberg	1998
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Patricia A. Ohlson	1998
Kosta E. Prentakis	1999
Deborah J. Carbone	2000

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Roger E. Drysdale	1998
Paul F. Woodbury, Jr.	1999
Thomas E. Skinner	1999
Douglas H. Mathews	2000
Gimme Sue Valacer	2000

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Susan M. Richardson	1998
Judy A. Gallerie	1999
Kurt P. Mann	2000
Edward Gronbeck	2000

PLANNING BOARD

Harry Mathews	1998
George E. Dow, Sr.	1999
David T. Leary, Sr.	2000
Vacancy	2001
Beverly A. Popielski	2002

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

Charles S. Clinch III	1998
Alfred J. Jones	1999
A. David Lenzie	1999
Richard W. Kassiotis	2000
Frank Twiss	2000

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Theodore L. Novakowski	1998
Lois Gianni	1998
Leonard A. Stone	1999
Marion B. Gilman	1999
William Dalton	2000

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Charles M. Collier	1999
Faith Anderson Stone	2000
Vacancy (state appointed)	2000
Mary Jane Morrin	2001
Paul J. Clauss	2002

TOWN OFFICIALS APPOINTED - 1997

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Ira S. Singer 2000

TOWN ACCOUNTANT CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS

Robert F. Murphy 1999

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Charles W. Newhall 1999

TOWN COUNSEL

Jerome A. Segal 1999

ASSESSOR

Cheryl L. Gillespie 1999

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOREST WARDEN

ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MGT. DIR.
Henry Michalski, Jr.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

George W. Nash 1998

CHIEF OF POLICE

Paul Armitage

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Joseph J. Connelly, Ed. D.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FENCE VIEWER

Robert M. Aldenberg 1998

ALTERNATE BUILDING INSPECTOR

William F. Cashman 1998

HEALTH AGENT AND SANITARIAN CONSERVATION COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR
Leo J. Cormier 1998

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

William A. Smith 1998

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

James E. Marshall 1998

ALTERNATE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Alfred J. Jones 1998

TOWN LIBRARIAN

Michele M. Mals

DOG OFFICER ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Elizabeth L. Heckman 1998

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Dennis R. Roy 1999

SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS

Florence M. Leary 1998

VETERANS' AGENT

George M. Farley 1998

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MIDDLETON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Kathleen A. Thurston

DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Lindsey D. Snively 1998

MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT MANAGER

Mark Kelley

NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

James M. Reynolds 1998

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL
ESSEX COUNTY BUDGET ADVISORY
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Richard W. Kassiotis

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IPSWICH
RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
ADVISORY BOARD**

William Mugford 1999

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOXFORD
STATE FOREST ADVISORY BOARD**

Matthew W. Pride

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HAROLD
PARKER STATE FOREST
ADVISORY BOARD**

Warren A. Haas, Jr.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Niranjan Patel	1998
Dale P. Buckley	1998
Dr. Robert R. Nersasian	1999
Mary Jane Morrin	1999
Dr. Jay R. Afrow	2000

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paul M. Gettings	1998
Robert Twombly	1998
Robert Porteous	1998
Jill Mann	1999
Sharon L. Nelson	1999
Antonio Pascuccio	2000

BOARD OF APPEALS

Linda Parker (alt.)	1998
Richard O. Ajootian	1998
Stuart H. Lord, Jr.	1999
Jeffrey D. Schreiber	2000
Roger E. Drysdale	2001
Jack Leitner	2002

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Nancy L. Karolides	1998
Karen Gerrior	1999
Mary C. Hocter	2000
Sarah B. George	(Ex Officio)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sally MacDonald	1998
Gertrude M. Dearborn	1998
Leonard W. Kupreance	1999
Glen Bambury	1999
Warren A. Haas, Jr.	2000

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CONSULTANT**

W. Pike Messenger

ARTS COUNCIL

Elizabeth Wetmore	1998
Ronald Deschenes	1998
Nancy Killam	1998
Kenneth F. Lewis	1999
Becky Rodham	1999
Kathleen Miksis	1999
Katharine Brown	1999



COUNCIL ON AGING

Susan Moore	1998
Mary C. Hocter	1998
Hazel M. Proctor	1998
May Kauffman (alt.)	1998
Peggy Sinrich (alt.)	1998
Eugene LeBlanc (alt.)	1998
Marion C. Watson (alt.)	1998
Mary Hamilton	1999
Lorne C. Davis	1999
Josephine R. Leary	2000
Dorothea Faulkner	2000
Dorothy A. Ferreira	2000
Kathryn N. Martinuk	2000
Olga Michalchuk	2000
Ethel E. Lee	2001

RECREATION COMMISSION

William Mugford	1998
Patti A. Flynn	1998
Gary L'Abbe	1999
Michele Nowak	2000
Priscilla C. Neal	2000

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary T. Tragert	1998
Robert W. Fox	1999
Richard O. Ajootian	2000
Lorne C. Davis	2000
John Goodwin	2001

TOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Leo J. Cormier	1998
Dennis R. Roy	1998
Nancy M. Jones	1998
W. Pike Messenger	1998
June Mohns	1998
Mary Jane Morrin	1998
John P. Caulfield	1998
Robert E. Kelley	1998
Donna Bambury	1998
Glen A. Bambury	1998
Robert Porteous	1998



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Linda M. Levesque	1998
Mary C. Hocter	1998
Shirley A. Murphy	1998
Donna J. Butler	1998
Alice Tierney	2000

DANVERS STATE HOSPITAL REUSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Richard O. Ajootian
George E. Dow, Sr.
Selectmen's Rep.

ZONING TASK FORCE

Henry A. Tragert, Citizen-at-large
Thomas J. Harris, Citizen-at-large
Timothy A. Eagan, Citizen-at-large
John O. Kunz, Board of Trade
Judson I. Deacon, Board of Trade
Paul F. Richardson, Board of Trade
Board of Health Representative
Jeffrey D. Schreiber, Board of Appeals
Planning Board Representative
Robert M. Aldenberg, Building Inspector
Richard W. Kassiotis, Selectmen
Conservation Commission Representative
Ira S. Singer, (ad hoc)

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE



Kathleen A. Thurston (Ex Officio)	
Ira S. Singer (Ex Officio)	
Robert Crawford	1998
Faith Anderson Stone	1998
Ronald S. Twing	1998
Richard Ajootian	1998
Linda M. Levesque	2000
Paul J. Clauss	2000
Elizabeth Lampes	2000

JAIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Paul Armitage, Police Chief	1998
Henry Michalski, Fire Chief	1998
Lisa Curran, Neighborhood Rep.	1998
Sandra J. Masi, Neighborhood Rep.	1998
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator	1998
John A. Goodwin, Citizen-at-large	1998
Linda Levesque, Citizen-at-large	1999
Henry P. Beauparlant,	
Neighborhood Rep.	1999
Richard Ajootian, Selectman	1999
Robert Porteous, Fin. Com. Rep.	1999

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Henry Michalski, Jr., Fire Chief
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator
Nancy M. Jones, Selectmen's Rep.
Planning Board Representative
Dennis R. Roy, Superintendent of the DPW
Leo J. Cormier, Health Agent

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Mary C. Hocter
Donna Innis
George A. LeMay
M. Alice Peters
Theodore Butler



HEALTH INSURANCE STUDY COMMITTEE

Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator
Robert F. Murphy, Town Accountant
Charles W. Newhall, Treasurer/Collector
David T. Leary, Sr., Fire Union Rep.
Police Union Rep.
Donald L. Abbott, Jr., DPW Union Rep.
Edward J. Richardson, Retirees' Representative
Stephen Belgiorio, Teachers' Union Rep.
Mark Kelley, MELD Manager

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Henry Michalski, Jr., Fire Chief
Paul Armitage, Police Chief
Finance Committee Representative
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator
Planning Board Representative
Leo J. Cormier, Health Agent
Robert M. Aldenberg, Building Inspector
Dennis R. Roy, Superintendent of DPW
Sarah B. George, Town Clerk

ELECTRIC LIGHT STUDY COMMITTEE

Richard W. Kassiotis, Selectmens' Rep.
Finance Committee Representative
MELD Commissioners' Rep.
Alfred J. Jones, MELD Commissioners' Rep.
Robert F. Murphy, Town Accountant
Ira S. Singer, Town Administrator
Mark Kelley, MELD Manager
Frank B. W. Brown, Citizen-at-large
Citizen-at-large

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Roger Drysdale	1998
Deborah Geisler	1998
Robert Porteous	1998
Henry Tragert	1998
Stephen Durham	1998
Richard Mercurio	1998
Richard O. Ajootian	1998
Robert Murphy	1998
James G. Hosman	1998
Giovanni Musto	1998
Emanuele Gulino	1998

RIVER STREET RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Pasquale DiPlacido	1998
Bessie Curtis	1998
Louis Fedullo	1998
Larry Nelson	1998
Frederick Gibson	1998
Sharon Nelson	1998



LIAISON REP. TO THE SOUTH ESSEX SEWERAGE DISTRICT

John J. Cooney

MASCONOMET SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Richard Kassiotis

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louis J. Fedullo	1999
Richard W. Kassiotis	1999
Stuart H. Lord, Jr.	1999
Paul A. Pellicelli	1999
Ira S. Singer	1999
Robert D. Twombly	1999
James M. Fortunato	1999
Alfonso Longo	1999
Les Taylor	1999

SOLID WASTE STUDY COMMITTEE

Dennis R. Roy	1998
Glen A. Bambury	1998
Henry A. Tragert	1998
Robert E. Kelley	1998
Ira S. Singer	1999
Nancy M. Jones	1999
Leo J. Cormier	1999
Charles W. Newhall	1999
Dr. Robert R. Nersasian	1999
Mary Jane Morrin	1999

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR



Stephen Durham, William Mugford, Richard O. Ajootian - Chairman, Richard Kassiotis, Nancy Jones

I am pleased to submit my sixteenth annual report on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. This report will provide a brief summary of the important town government activities and events during the fiscal year from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997. Details of the department and committee functions are contained in the reports which follow.

The building boom of Fiscal 1996 has carried into Fiscal 1997, although by the end of this fiscal year, (June 30, 1997), signs of a slowdown were evident. It has been difficult for all town departments involved in these matters to keep up with every day duties and provide quality services while trying to properly monitor and oversee installation of public improvements.

One example of such time consuming developments was the "Hurricane Haven" Water Theme Park planned for the former Santa's Lookout property on North Main Street, whose owners sought permit authority from town officials and regulatory boards for several months. Much time was spent responding to this application for a huge development at the edge of a fragile environmental area which contains the town's water supply. Ultimately local permits were either rescinded, found to expire, or denied. The developers have appealed these denials in Superior Court.

Public and private improvements occurring simultaneously included construction of:

1. several new public roads and water lines and more than 67 homes
2. the Fuller Meadow School addition
3. a trash transfer station
4. the landfill final cap and methane gas vents
5. three new athletic fields.
6. three or four commercial strip developments
7. full depth reconstruction of Maple Street from the Danvers Town Line to Kenney Road.

Residential growth continues to change Middleton into a suburban community more similar to our southern and eastern neighbors such as North Reading, Danvers, Lynnfield, and Peabody. Housing starts for the fiscal year reached 72 or slightly above 1996's total of 65. With 52 permits through one half of the fiscal year, (through January 1, 1998), new housing starts are on a pace similar to 1996 and 1997.

The population of Middleton is rapidly heading to 7,000 and could reach that level as we enter the 21st century. While many of the new neighborhoods are attractive and well laid out, and add much to the changing character of Middleton, the Town will be struggling to keep up with the demands and

needs of a growing population. The 1980 federal census recorded only 4173 residents, and by the year 2000, town government will be required to meet the needs of a population **65%** larger than it was only twenty years earlier.

Traffic congestion is spreading throughout the Town to the most outlying streets, and environmental impacts of such wide scale development are becoming increasingly difficult to manage.

Although the 1997 Annual Town Meeting defeated a bylaw to place restrictions on residential growth (by a few votes of the 2/3 majority required), the new Growth Study Committee will ask the 1998 Town Meeting to fund the preparation of an updated Master Plan. A sentiment most often heard is that the Town must pro-actively plan for its future while choices relating to future development still exist.

FINANCIAL CONDITION AND TOWN DEMOGRAPHICS

The financial condition and strength of a town government in Massachusetts is commonly measured by criterion such as: level of free cash, indebtedness, property values, composition of job and tax base, local tax rate, extent and quality of municipal services, especially schools.

Free Cash and Indebtedness

The Town's free cash was certified at a record \$1,337,334 as of July 1, 1996 - almost identical to the record amount from the previous year. I am pleased to report that Town's final school and landfill capping bonds sold on Wall Street through Moody's Inc. were upgraded to a Double (AA) rating. This high rating represents a strong vote of confidence in the overall fiscal strength of the Town of Middleton.

Indebtedness has increased with the school addition and landfill capping expenses, but at year end was less than 35% of the total debt service allowed by law, with 13% of the total paid from water and electric rates.

Tax Rate

The fiscal year 1997 tax rate of \$15.18 increased by 8.6% from the previous year, once again largely resulting from growing school enrollments. The Selectmen voted not to assign a higher tax rate to business and industry in order to attract commercial development to help offset the costs associated with rapid residential growth.

It is projected that similar tax rate increases are in store for four or five years to come as school enrollments continue to climb as much as **5% per year. The largest single impact will be the expansion now planned for Masconomet, which may cost Middleton taxpayers up to \$685,000 in new annual debt service by the Year 2001.**

Job Base, Economic Development and Property Values

The job base remains strong and diversified, and with some growth. The Town's largest manufacturer Bostik Inc. has purchased a number of smaller firms and continues to add to their plant and employment base at their World Headquarters facility on Boston Street. Other smaller retail plazas have sprouted up along the South Main Street corridor with one on North Main Street and a couple more planned for the Howe Station intersection.

The unemployment rate is consistently at or below the State average varying between 3 and 3.5% over the year. The combined values of all property in Fiscal 1998 increased from \$533,624,756 to \$565,582,737. Ninety percent (90%) of this increase came from residential growth.

The lack of suitably zoned sites for commercial and industrial development will severely limit such growth. For example, of the 139 acres of business and industrially zoned undeveloped and under-developed land from the Danvers Town line to Richardson's Dairy, more than **85% of this land** is restricted from development by the new Rivers Protection Act since it abuts or is in close proximity to the Ipswich River. The few parcels which may be suitable for commercial development are quite small

(less than 6 acres), and many of these are not available for development or for sale.

If the Town hopes to restore the balance between residential and commercial growth, it must change zoning to provide more suitable locations for business development.

Recent studies has affirmed the fact that it costs the Town only about fifty cents of every dollar business pays in taxes to provide them municipal services. This is simply because businesses do not send children into local schools at a per pupil cost of more than \$5,500.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Much like last year, many important construction projects are under way or proceeding towards final design. Here are the largest ones.

Essex/Forest/North Main Street Signals and Intersection Reconstruction

The Massachusetts Highway Department has approved the final design plans for signalizing and reconstructing this dangerous intersection. The next step before bidding and construction are the three or four property conveyances to provide sufficient publicly owned land on which to build the new sidewalks. State and federal grant funds will pay for all improvements and property acquisitions. The State's Central Artery Project in Boston has used up much of the federal funding which is normally allocated to begin projects like this one.

Historically the availability of these funds has taken one to three two years after design plans are completed. Town officials are lobbying their state legislators to bring these funds to Middleton as soon as possible. Although warrants were **not** met for an additional traffic signal at the Oak Knoll Housing entrance, the delays resulting from new signals at Forest Street will create a gap in traffic for these residents to use in exiting their property.

The Town's design engineering firm, Louis Berger Inc. has met with many of the abutters to explain some of the impacts on their property.

Maple Street Reconstruction (Part 1 from Kenney Road to Danvers Town line)

This project was awarded to Tropeano Inc. by the State Highway Department, with construction beginning in the spring of 1997. Almost two million dollars in state and federal grant funding will install new drainage, sidewalks, granite curbing, and roadways along Maple Street from the Danvers Town line to Kenney Road. At the Howe Station intersection, a distinct new "village" look will be created with traffic safety signals, the relocation of utility lines underground, and the erection of colonial style street lights very similar to improvements made in Middleton Square.

It bears repeating that much of the major aesthetic and safety improvements to be made at Howe Station are a result of the cooperative and diligent efforts of the Town's Light Department. Seven large unattractive utility poles will be removed and the huge jumble of overhead wires carrying phone, cable, electric, and fire alarm signals will be removed at nominal expense to electric customers. Many of the costs will be picked up by the state and federal grants through an allowance for pole relocation, although MELD's Commissioners have allocated significant additional funds as well to finish this job.

At this writing I am happy to report that several new small commercial developments at the Howe's Station Intersection have applied to the boards for permits. From what we have seen from these permit applications, the proposed developments will solidify the new village look of this intersection with a number of additional retail shops and buildings. Middleton will soon have another attractive mini business area offering a greater variety of shopping and services to the neighborhoods and commuters of this area.

Maple Street Reconstruction (Part 2 from Kenney Road to Middleton Square)

After receiving initial approvals from the State Highway Department, the 1996 Town Meeting authorized Middleton's share, (engineering and design funds), of undertaking improvements similar to the adjoining section of Maple Street currently under construction. Design plans should be completed by the end of this year, which would allow this last portion to be rebuilt with granite curbing, and new sidewalks and drainage on Middleton's second busiest thoroughfare. Unfortunately this project is also dependent upon the release of state and federal highway funds before construction can begin and is competing with the giant Central Artery Project for dollars.

Landfill Capping, Transfer Station and Soccer Field Construction

An impervious plastic liner was installed over the ten acre landfill with additional layers of sand and soil for sloping, drainage, and stabilization. A Proposition 2½ Debt Exclusion was approved for this project at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

The Solid Waste Study Committee has overseen the completion of a state-of-the-art trash transfer station which offers maximum opportunities for recycling of a large variety of commodities. Coupled with a 15 year contract between the Town and Odgen Martin System Inc. for trash to be hauled to its burn plant in Haverhill, homeowners will have a safe, clean, cost effective and flexible disposal area for their trash and recycling well into the 21st century.

As 1997 came to an end, one soccer field next to the capped landfill was competed and a second larger regulation size field is half constructed. The second field should be finished in early summer and will be playable by 1999.

Ipswich River Bridge Over Boston Street

This 1935 structure is scheduled to be replaced through yet another State grant program. The Massachusetts Highway Department is overseeing design and construction of what is referred to as "a foot print bridge replacement". Construction may begin in 1999. No widening or significant shift in Boston Street is expected during this roadwork.

River Street Reconstruction

Through the good efforts of State Representative Brian Cresta and Senator Bruce Tarr, the Town will receive a grant to help fund the reconstruction of River Street and the access road to the Transfer Station. The River Street Committee has had difficulties in finalizing their recommendations for this work as a result of a very narrow right-of-way width owned by the Town.

Most town roads were laid out as 40 to 50 foot right-of-ways, although River Street is less than 35 feet wide. This makes it impossible to plan and build many safety improvements such as new sidewalks since the Town would have to take several dozen parcels by eminent domain before construction design can begin.

The Selectmen and Committee members will discuss a phased approach in order to restore the driving surface of River Street, while devising a long term strategy for the other safety improvements desired by the neighborhoods.

Fuller Meadow School Renovation and Addition

Construction was off to a quick start in the spring of 1996 following the contract award to the qualified low bidder, P.J. Stella Construction Inc. of Wakefield, MA. At this writing the Town is quite close to closing out the main construction contract and the school was opened for occupancy in September of 1997. A few things that remain including the exterior signs, landscaping, and playgrounds will be completed by mid summer.

The State School Building Assistance Bureau has informed the Town that **Middleton's project has been approved for reimbursement in the amount of \$296,813 per year with the first payment to be made in Fiscal Year 1999!** This is one year sooner than anticipated and will help offset expected debt service costs of Masconomet's expansion.

Masconomet School Expansion and Renovation

The Masconomet Regional School District has begun the long and arduous task of the comprehensive renovation and expansion of their physical plant. A series of Town Meetings and Elections from last May through July in the three towns voted approval of \$3,000,000 in design funds. The 22 member Building Committee has selected an architectural firm, (ARC Inc.), from Cambridge to begin the design work. It is expected that construction plans and funding for this 48 million dollar project will be requested at the 1999 Annual Town Meetings.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The Board of Selectmen held and attended more than forty-two meetings to approve the weekly bills, resolve citizen complaints, conduct license and permit hearings, and review and formulate the municipal budget and all policy matters. In addition joint meetings were held with the Finance Committee, School Committee, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and Solid Waste Advisory Committee to work on issues of mutual concern and interest.

The Selectmen also met with the Danvers Selectmen and Water Commissioners and formed a task force to study water supply and quality issues. After seven years of impasse, the Towns of Middleton and Danvers renewed the water contract providing for a continuous flow of revenue to Middleton for its water related debt service.

This revenue also funds the increasing operations of the Water Division within the Department of Public Works. New federal mandates will require the Town to adopt strict cross connection control regulations to prevent contamination of the public water supply from industrial and commercial connections.

Representatives of the Selectmen attended meetings of and participated in the Water Advisory Committee, Cable Advisory Committee, School Building Committees (local and Masco), Danvers State Hospital Task Force, River Street Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Jail Liaison Committee.

In addition to the above some of the most time consuming and noteworthy activities of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator during the year included:

- Held numerous special meetings to review the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, including an "all day" Saturday session to closely examine operating budgets.
- Applied for and received \$54,000 in Federal Disaster Assistance for the blizzard of January 1996.
- Administered the fifth year of a \$14,500 Essex Home Consortium Grant of federal funds. This program awards loans to low and moderate income homeowners to make life safety code repairs to their properties.
- Applied for and received a \$200,000 State Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection for loans to repair and bring failing septic systems into Title Five compliance. This program was expected to be available to homeowners in the summer of 1997, but was delayed by the State DEP.
- Attended meetings of the Essex County Selectmen's Association. The interaction with area Selectmen allows Board members to compare neighboring community services and policies.
- Met with State Representative Brian Cresta and State Senator Bruce Tarr to support legislation in the best interest of the Town. Both individuals continue to show great interest in our community and have been extremely responsive to Middleton's needs and issues. A close eye is being kept on a \$22 million authorization by the General Court for the expansion of the County Jail. Efforts will be made by our legislative delegation to minimize adverse impacts upon the neighborhood, and the overall water supply in the event of such expansion.
- Met with and supported the Planning Board's efforts to adopt a residential growth bylaw.
- Negotiated collective bargaining contracts for labor unions striking a balance between paying Middleton's hardworking and productive employees fair and affordable wages, and not burdening taxpayers with excessive settlement costs.
- With the Massachusetts Highway Department held a Public Hearing on the design of the North Main Street Reconstruction Project with abutting property owners.
- Met with East Street neighbors and Michael Leon, Superior Court appointed Receiver of the Rubchinuk Landfill, to hear plans for closure and capping.
- Transferred the Cable License from TCI Inc. to Continental Cablevision and, later in the same year to U.S. West, one of the large "baby bell" companies serving the western part of the United States.
- Bid and awarded the job to install a half mile of new water line on School Street to serve homeowners in the vicinity of the closed American Glue factory neighborhood.
- Met with Recreation Commission and Trustees of the Fuller Pond Condominium to discuss the possible use of land known as "Hocter Park" as a new recreational park.
- Received a bond rating of "AA" from Wall Street's Moody's Investors Rating Service, and sold \$3,080,000 of school and general town obligation bonds to State Street Bank and Associates through a bond bidding process at an interest rate of 4.7%
- Held a hearing to bring an amendment of the Town Charter to the Town Meeting and the Town Election to require the appointment rather than the election of the Board of Assessors. This will enable the Selectmen, as chief elected officials, to find properly trained

and qualified individuals to serve on a Board whose membership must be professionally trained and state certified to act on any official property valuation matters.

- Amended the Transfer Station rules and regulations to prohibit trash disposal by commercial haulers.
- Held a few hearings for possible revocations of liquor and used car licenses for licensees who appeared to be in non-compliance with license conditions.
- Worked with the new Recreation Field Development Committee to prepare a long term plan for the construction of new athletic fields to accommodate the great increase in the number of children playing youth sports. As a result of these efforts, funds were requested and raised to construct a second baseball field at the Fuller Meadow School.

- Conducted a lengthy selection process for the appointment of the Police Chief to replace retiring Chief Robert Peachey resulting in the unanimous appointment of Sergeant Paul Armitage as Middleton's new Police Chief effective August 1, 1997.

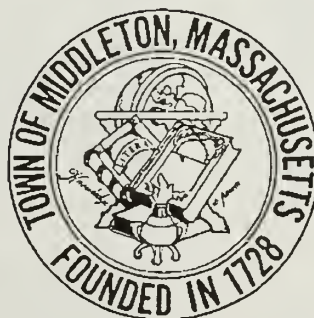
As I begin my sixteenth year as Town Administrator, I extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, my administrative secretary Donna Innis, department heads, employees, committee chairpersons, and residents of Middleton for their support, advice, ideas and good guidance.

It continues to be a pleasure to work with the many Middleton people who unselfishly contribute so much to the well being of this outstanding community.

Ira S. Singer
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard O. Ajootian, Chairman
Stephen Durham
Nancy Jones
Richard Kassiotis
James Hosman, (term expired May 1997)
William Mugford, (elected May 1997)



STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

September 17, 1996

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM by Warden Sandra Pollock and remained open until 8:00 PM. There were 3,554 registered voters at the close of registration before the election and 309 votes were cast--117 Republican, 191 Democratic, and 1 Libertarian. The results were as follows:

REPUBLICAN STATE PRIMARY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

William F. Weld 106
Blanks 11

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Peter G. Torkildsen 96
Blanks 21

COUNCILLOR

Kevin J. Leach 83
Blanks 34

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Bruce E. Tarr 98
Blanks 19

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Brian M. Cresta 98
Blanks 19

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Jane Brady Stirgwort 53
Susan M. Brotchie 44
Blanks 20

COUNTY TREASURER

George K. Mazareas 84
Blanks 33

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Blanks 234

DEMOCRATIC STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry 163
Blanks 28

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John Gutta 27
John F. Tierney 140
Blanks 24

COUNCILLOR

Patricia Dowling 100
James P. Mahoney 56
Blanks 35

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Klaus Kubierschky 125
Blanks 66

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Thomas F. Markham, III 9
Blanks 182

REGISTER OF PROBATE

William J. Buckley 29
Pamela Casey O'Brien 66
Joyce Burns Spiliotis 75
Blanks 21

COUNTY TREASURER

Timothy A. Bassett 70
Christie Chris Ciampa, Jr. 64
Leonard Fafel 25
Blanks 32

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Marguerite P. Kane 77
John V. O'Brien 77
Louis E. Coviello 45
Michael T. Phelan 42
Blanks 141

LIBERTARIAN STATE PRIMARY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks 1

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Blanks 1

COUNCILLOR

Blanks 1

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

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REGISTER OF PROBATE

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COUNTY TREASURER

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 15, 1996

On Tuesday, October 15, 1996, qualified voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Moderator Norman Nathan declared that more than a quorum were present and called the Meeting to order. (It was later shown that 190 voters were present.) Town Clerk Sarah George read the return of service of the Warrant showing that the Meeting had been duly called and that the Warrant had been posted at Memorial Hall, the Post Office, Ferncroft Tower, Howe Station Market, and Fuller Pond Village by Constable Robert Aldenberg on September 30, 1996. In spite of some initial difficulties with the public address system, the articles on the Warrant were then disposed of as follows:

Article 1: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Campbell Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Finance Committee referred this article to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board, through its Chairman, Beverly Popielski, reported that it does not recommend acceptance of Campbell Road at this time, because the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works doesn't consider it ready. The Planning Board recommended that the article be referred to the Annual Town Meeting in May. It was so moved and seconded from the floor and **voted by the Meeting.**

Article 2: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Flint Farm Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Finance Committee referred this article to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board recommended that Flint Farm Road be accepted as a Town Street subject to the following three conditions:

- ◆ receipt of a recordable deed approved by Town Counsel
- ◆ release of any and all liens and mortgages
- ◆ receipt of certification of clear title.

It was so moved and seconded, and the **motion carried.**



Article 3: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Cabral Drive and Bayberry Lane as Town Streets as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Finance Committee referred this article to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board recommended that Cabral Drive and Bayberry Lane be accepted as Town Streets subject to the following three conditions:

- ◆ receipt of a recordable deed approved by Town Counsel
- ◆ release of any and all liens and mortgages
- ◆ receipt of certification of clear title.

It was so moved and seconded, and the **motion carried.**

Article 4: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Currier Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Finance Committee referred this article to the Planning Board for their recommendation. The Planning Board did not recommend acceptance of Currier Road at this time and referred it to the Annual Town Meeting. There being no motion made on Article 4, **no action was taken.**

Article 5: On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600 to purchase a new copier for the Library; and to see if such funds will be raised by transfer from the Library Copier account.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article because the current copier is nine years old and is in need of major part replacement and new parts are getting more difficult to obtain. They recommended that the funds be taken from the Library Copier Account. Article 5 was **adopted by a unanimous voice vote.**

Article 6: On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to install an irrigation system on the grounds of the Library and make repairs to the Library's lawns and grounds; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of this article, because they believe it should be addressed at the Annual Town Meeting and after the scheduled removal of the diseased spruce tree. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to adopt Article 6. The Finance Committee recommended that if this article is adopted the funds should come from Free Cash. The motion was revised to include the funding source. The voice vote being close, a vote was taken by a showing of hands. The tellers reported a count of

Yes: 68

No: 78

The motion did not carry.

Article 7: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to be added to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this article with the funds to come from Free Cash. This sum would replace an emergency transfer of \$12,500 made in September to expedite repairs to a fire truck. Article 7 was **adopted by a unanimous voice vote.**



Article 8: On petition of the Board of Selectmen, Recreation Committee, and School Building Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the clearing and grubbing (stump and stone removal), of land behind the Fuller Meadow School designated as the site of a second baseball field; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article with the funds to come from Free Cash. It was reported that sixty-three percent of these costs will be reimbursed by the State as part of the School Building Program and that this article addresses the need to replace the field lost at the landfill. **The motion carried--**the Moderator stated that it "sounded unanimous."

Article 9: On petition of the Board of Selectmen acting in the capacity of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Consolidated Personnel Plan SECTION 7.08 as follows:

**TOWN OF MIDDLETON
COMPENSATION PLAN
FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

Position/Title:	Voted Effective July 1, 1995:	PROPOSED July 1, 1996
Moderator	\$100/Yr.	\$100/Yr.
Constable	100/Yr.	100/Yr.
Superintendent of Burials	400/Yr.	400/Yr.
Registrar of Voters	95/Election	95/Election
Clerk-Registrar of Voters	175/Yr.	175/Yr.
Selectman-Chairman	2,100/Yr.	2,100/Yr.
Selectman	1,600/Yr.	1,600/Yr.
School Committee-Chairman	750/Yr.	750/Yr.
School Committee	600/Yr.	600/Yr.
Assessor (each Member)	2,000/Yr.	2,000/Yr.
FY97 range of \$500-\$2,000 depending upon education/training level		
Cable Television Technician	7.95/hr	8.19/hr
<u>Secretary For:</u>		
Planning Board	75.00/mtg	77.00/mtg
Board of Appeals	75.00/mtg	77.00/mtg
Board of Health	75.00/mtg	77.00/mtg
Conservation Commission	75.00/mtg	77.00/mtg
Personnel Board	75.00/mtg	77.00/mtg
Finance Committee	75.00/mtg	77.00/mtg
Town Counsel	11,500/yr.	11,845/yr
Town Clerk	27,244/yr	28,061/yr
Custodian	7.93/hr	8.17/yr
Census Workers	1,050/yr.	1,050/yr
Poll Workers - Officers	7.14/hr	7.35/hr
Poll Workers - Tellers	6.09/hr	6.27/hr
Veteran's Agent	6,713/yr	6,914/yr

Position/Title:	Voted Effective July 1, 1995:	PROPOSED July 1, 1996
<u>Department of Public Works</u>		
Superintendent of Public Works FY 97 Range of \$42,810/yr.-\$49,266/yr	47,831/yr	49,266/yr
Water Department Management Stipend	3,000/yr	4,000/yr
DPW Foreman	14.73/hr	15.17/hr
Water Department Foreman FY97 Range \$12.50-\$13.50/hr	12.50/hr	12.88/hr
Emergency Call Wages	110.00/wk	110.00/wk
Part Time CDL Plow/Sander Operator	15.00/hr	15.00/hr
Part-Time Truck Driver	8.50/hr	8.76/hr
Part-Time Laborer	7.21/hr	7.43/hr
<u>Inspections Department</u>		
Gas/Plumbing Inspector	6,232/yr	6,419/yr
Wiring Inspector	8,838/yr	9,103/yr
Alternate Inspectors (Wiring, Health, & Building)	15.59/hr	16.06/hr
Building Inspector FY97 Range of \$34,967/yr. -\$42,268/yr	41,037/yr	42,268/yr
Animal Control Officer	11,196/yr	11,532/yr
Health Agent FY97 Range of \$38,408-\$41,534/yr	40,324/yr	41,534/yr
Landfill Gate Attendant	8.79/hr	9.05/hr
<u>Finance/Administration</u>		
Town Administrator FY97 Range of \$52,737/yr - \$57,737/yr	55,901/yr	57,578/yr
Administrative Secretary FY97 Range of \$25,462/yr - \$29,069/yr	28,222/yr	29,069/yr
Town Accountant FY97 Range of \$36,466/yr - \$40,912/yr	39,720/yr	40,912/yr
Custodian of Town Lands Stipend		1,500/yr

Position/Title:	Voted Effective July 1, 1995:	PROPOSED July 1, 1996
Treasurer/Collector FY97 Range of \$33,438/yr - \$39,421/yr	36,421/yr	39,421/yr
Assessor/Appraiser FY97 range of \$35,000/yr - \$41,769/yr	40,552/yr	41,769/yr
<u>Fire Department Stipends</u>		
Drillmaster	50/yr	50/yr
Mechanic	520/yr	520/yr
Fire Prevention Officer	520/yr	520/yr
<u>Recreation Department</u>		
Program Director	12.15/hr	12.51/hr
Program Assistant	8.52/hr	8.78/hr
Recreation Assistants	5.79/hr	5.96/hr
<u>Library</u>		
Library Director FY97 Range of \$18,566/yr - \$21,218/yr	20,600/yr	21,218/yr
Assistant Director		
Step I	8.98/hr	10.02/hr
Step 2 (6 months)	9.64/hr	10.70/hr
Step 3 (18 months)	10.25/hr	11.33/hr
Step 4 (30 months)	10.65/hr	11.74/hr
Step 5 (54 months)	10.86/hr	11.96/hr
Adult Services Librarian		
Children's Librarian		
Reference Librarian		
Step I	8.67/hr	9.70/hr
Step 2 (6 months)	9.33/hr	10.38/hr
Step 3 (18 months)	9.84/hr	10.91/hr
Step 4 (30 months)	10.22/hr	11.30/hr
Step 5 (54 months)	10.42/hr	11.51/hr

Position/Title:	Voted Effective July 1, 1995:	PROPOSED July 1, 1996
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Part Time Clerical Staff

All Departments

Step I	8.67/hr	10.02/hr
Step II	9.33/hr	10.71/hr
Step III	9.84/hr	11.23/hr
Step IV	10.22/hr	11.62/hr
Step V	10.42/hr	11.82/hr

Council On Aging

Program Director	9,300/hr	9,579/yr
FY97 range of \$7,957/yr - \$9,300/yr		
Meal Site Coordinator	8.25/hr	8.50/hr
Council On Aging Driver	9.98/hr	10.28/hr
Medical Transportation Drivers	6.33/hr	6.52/hr

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article, stating that this plan is consistent with contracts negotiated with unionized Town employees. After discussion of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works' raise and the hourly rate for part-time snow removal, the **motion to adopt Article 9 carried.**

Article 10: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,000 to fund the collective bargaining agreements and non-union wage increases contained in the Town's Consolidated Personnel Plan as outlined in the previous article, said sum to be distributed to the various town omnibus (operating) budgets as required to cover said cost increases; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article, explaining that this article reflects the results of contract negotiations, and increases or changes to all other Town positions. The Finance Committee specified that the funds would be raised by taxation. **The Meeting voted to adopt Article 10.**

Article 11: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to rescind the following article as recommended by the Finance Committee and adopted at the May 10, 1984 Annual Town Meeting: "That \$5,500,000 is appropriated for construction of sewers, sewerage pumping stations and force mains to be tied into the South Essex Sewerage District through the Town of Danvers, provided, however, that no amounts for the project shall be expended until federal and or state grant agreements relating to the project with stated assistance amounts of not less than \$3,800,000 shall have been executed; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$5,500,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8 (15), provided that the amount of the borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of federal and state grants received prior to the issue of bonds or notes under this vote; and that the Selectmen are authorized to enter into any agreements with the Town of Danvers of the South Essex Sewerage District that are necessary in order to carry out the project."

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article, explaining that on the advice of Bond Counsel, the adoption of this article would eliminate a negative impact on

the Town's ability to bond by removing an unusable but committed bonding authorization. **Article 11 was adopted on a voice vote.**

Article 12: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$166,000 to operate an Independent Police and Fire Dispatch Center and place the Town's E-911 Primary Answering Point, (PSAP), at the Police Station; provided however that this vote is contingent upon passage of a referendum question under Section 21C of Chapter 59 and shall not take effect until the Town has voted to exempt from the limitations on total taxes the amount of \$166,000; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article with the funds to be raised by taxation, explaining that the purpose of Articles 12 and 13 is to provide funding to staff and build a new Independent 24 hour Dispatch Center to be located at the Police Station. Article 12 contains the annual recurring costs to be included in the Town's Operating Budget. After a great deal of discussion, **the motion to adopt Article 12 did not carry.**

Article 13: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$178,000 to build and install an Independent Dispatch Center with the emergency 911 console at the Police Station under the direction of the Selectmen including but not limited to, the purchase of all equipment needed to remote all functions of the fire alarm system, and all other repairs and renovations related to such installation; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof. Provided however, that no action shall be taken to build and install an Independent Dispatch Center with the emergency 911 console at the Police Station unless the referendum question in Article 12 is voted upon favorably by the Town.

The Finance Committee recommended taking no action on this article. There being no motion from the floor, **no action was taken on Article 13.**

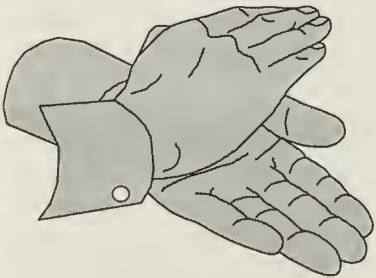
Article 14: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to place the Town's E-911 Primary Answering Point, (PSAP) at the Fire Department.

Purpose: The purpose of Article 14 is to authorize the placement of the Town's E-911 Primary Answering Point (PSAP) at the Fire Station utilizing existing Fire Department personnel to answer all police and fire emergency calls and dispatch equipment as required. This option provides no additional staffing.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 14, and **the Meeting voted to do so "seemingly unanimously,"** according to the Moderator.

Article 15: On petition of the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 to refurbish and expand the Watch Room at Fire Headquarters; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended Article 15 with the funds to be taken from Free Cash, and **it was so voted.**



Article 16: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to be added to \$32,098 in funds received from the Massachusetts Highway Department under the provisions of the 1996 Acts 204 (6037-9698) to be used to complete preliminary and final design and engineering plans, and for preparation of contract documents for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Maple Street from its intersection with King Street to the Ipswich River Bridge. Said reconstruction may include new sidewalks, drainage, granite curbing and other such improvements as may be justified, and has been approved for funding under the National Highway System through the Massachusetts Highway System through the Massachusetts Highway Department; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation and by transfer from Article 23 of the 1995 Annual Town Meeting and Article 16 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting. (At these Town Meetings each article raised \$30,000 for new sidewalk construction on Maple Street.)

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article, explaining that the State has approved funding for the reconstruction of the described section of Maple Street which will result in improvements in excess of \$800,000 to this section of roadway. The Town is required to provide design and engineering plans for this project. The funds will come from \$60,000 previously appropriated and now \$10,000 from Free Cash. After a brief discussion, **Article 16 was adopted** on a voice vote.

The Moderator entertained a motion and second from the floor to dissolve the Meeting, and **it was so voted.**

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George
Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION

November 5, 1996

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Browne & Jorgensen	28
Clinton & Gore	1,514
Dole & Kemp	1,007
Hagelin & Tompkins	2
Moorehead & LaRiva	0
Perot & Choate	373
Others	4
Blanks	34

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry	1,288
William F. Weld	1,555
Susan C. Gallagher	77
Robert C. Stowe	5
Blanks	37

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Peter G. Torkildsen	1,527
John F. Tierney	1,270
Randal C. Fritz	28
Benjamin A. Gatchell	16
Martin J. McNulty	18
Orrin Smith	12
Others	1
Blanks	90

COUNCILLOR

Patricia Dowling	1,500
Kevin J. Leach	1,113
Others	2
Blanks	347

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Bruce E. Tarr	1,712
Klaus Kubierschky	937
Others	1
Blanks	312

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Brian M. Cresta	1,563
Thomas F. Markham III	1,172
Blanks	227

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Pamela Casey O'Brien	1,341
Jane Brady Stirgwolt	1,271
Blanks	350

COUNTY TREASURER

Timothy A. Bassett	1,423
George K. Mazareas	1,148
Others	2
Blanks	389

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Marguerite P. Kane	1,487
John V. O'Brien	1,405
Others	16
Blanks	3,016



RECOUNT

OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

November 21, 1996

Torkildsen	1,535	Smith	13
Tierney	1,279	Other	1
Fritz	28	Blanks	70
Gatchell	16	Total Vote	2,961
McNulty	19		

STATE ELECTION Continued

November 5, 1996

QUESTION 1

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 1996?

Yes	1,588
No	927
Blanks	447

This proposed law would prohibit the use of certain traps for fur-bearing mammals, prohibit certain methods of hunting bear or bobcat, and eliminates some restrictions on who may serve on the state Fisheries and Wildlife Board.

The proposed law would prohibit the use, setting, manufacture, or possession of any trap to capture fur-bearing mammals, except common mouse and rat traps, nets, and box or cage traps that confine a whole animal without grasping any part of it. Traps designed to grip an animal's body or body part, such as steel jaw leghold traps, padded leghold traps, and snares, would be prohibited. Federal and state health officials could use such traps in case of a threat to human health or safety. Where a property owner had reasonably tried but failed to correct an animal problem on the property using a legal trap, the owner could apply for and the state Director of Fisheries and Wildlife could issue a permit to use a prohibited type of trap, except a leghold trap, for up to 30 days to correct the problem.

A person violating any of these requirements could be punished by a fine of between \$300 and \$1,000, or imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both, for each prohibited trap and each day of violation. A person convicted for a second violation would be required to surrender, and could never again obtain, any trapping license or problem animal control permit.

The proposed law would also prohibit the pursuit or hunting of bear or bobcat with the aid of a dog or dogs. Hunting bear using any type of bait, lure, or attraction, or knowingly hunting bear in a baited area, would also be prohibited. The Director could allow the use of dogs or bait in legitimate scientific research projects and in order to control particular animals that posed a threat to human safety or that destroyed livestock, property, or crops.



Violators could be punished by a fine of between \$300 and \$1,000, or imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both, for each violation. A person convicted for a second violation would be required to surrender, and could never again obtain, any

hunting and dog training licenses and permits.

The proposed law would eliminate the requirement that five members of the state Fisheries and Wildlife Board have held sporting licenses in the state for five consecutive years and that four members represent fishing, hunting, and trapping interests.

The proposed law states that if any of its provisions were declared invalid, the other provisions would remain in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit the use of certain traps for fur-bearing mammals, prohibit certain methods of hunting bear or bobcat and eliminate some restrictions on who may serve on the Fisheries and Wildlife Board.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the trapping or hunting laws, and would retain restrictions of who may serve on the Fisheries and Wildlife Board.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 13, 1997



On Tuesday, May 13, 1997, voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium. Town Clerk Sarah George called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., declaring that at least 122 voters were already checked in. (It was later shown that a total of 354 voters attended the Meeting.) She read the Return of Service of the Warrant showing that the Meeting had been duly called and the Warrant posted in the usual five places by Constable Robert Aldenberg on April 29, 1997. Ms George then asked for nominations from the floor for a temporary Moderator to serve at this Meeting. James Hosman, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, nominated Henry Tragert, and the nomination was seconded from the floor. Mr. Tragert was elected by a unanimous voice vote and was promptly sworn in to office.

Middleton Boy Scout Troop 19 conducted the opening ceremony. Mr. Tragert offered a few thoughts on the loss last fall of Norm Nathan who had been elected to moderate this particular Town Meeting. "Norm presided at almost two decades of Town Meetings with wisdom, with understanding, and with a light touch. He was truly an ambassador of good will both within our Town and elsewhere." Mr. Tragert asked the Meeting to join him in a moment of silent tribute to Norm and to the legacy that he left to all of us.

Moderator Tragert also noted that this is the last Town Meeting that Chief Robert Peachey will attend in his official capacity as the Chief of Police of the Town of Middleton. "Chief Peachey has been on the Middleton Police force for 36 years. He has functioned as Chief for twelve years, and is largely responsible, I believe, for making Middleton the pleasant and safe place that we all live in." The Meeting then recognized the Chief, and he said a few words.

The Moderator explained procedural details of the Meeting for newcomers, and the Meeting then disposed of the articles on the Warrant as follows:

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on Committee Reports.

Jim Hosman spoke for the School Building Committee, Kosta Prentakis for the Growth Management Committee, Alfonso Longo for the Cable Advisory Committee, and Bob Porteous for the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time-to-time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1997 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 2, and the **Meeting voted to do so unanimously.**

ARTICLE 3: On petition of the Board of Selectmen acting in the capacity of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Consolidated Personnel Plan SECTION 7.08 as follows:

**TOWN OF MIDDLETON
COMPENSATION PLAN
FOR NON-UNION TOWN EMPLOYEES
FISCAL YEAR 1998**

Position/Title:	VOTED EFFECTIVE July 1, 1996	PROPOSED July 1, 1997
Moderator	\$100/yr.	\$100/yr.
Constable	100/yr.	100/yr.
Superintendent of Burials	400/yr.	400/yr.
Registrar of Voters	95/Election	95/Election
Clerk-Registrar of Voters	175/yr.	175/yr.
Selectman-Chairman	2,100/yr.	2,100/yr.
Selectman	1,600/yr.	1,600/yr.
School Committee-Chairman	750/yr.	750/yr.
School Committee	600/yr.	600/yr.
Assessor (each Member) FY97 range of \$500-\$2,000 depending upon education/training level	2,000/yr.	2,000/yr.
Cable Television Technician	8.19/hr	8.44/hr
Secretary for all Town Board Meetings	77.00/mtg	80.00/mtg
Town Counsel	11,845/yr	12,000/hr
Town Clerk	28,061/yr	33,720/yr*
Custodian	8.17/yr	8.42/hr
Census Workers	1,050/yr	1,050/yr
Poll Workers - Officers	7.35/hr	7.57/hr
Veteran's Agent	6,914/yr	7,120/yr
* Represents 35/hr week up 5 hrs over FY97		
<u>Part Time Clerical Staff</u>		
<u>All Departments</u>		
Step I	10.02/hr	10.58/hr
Step II	10.71/hr	11.29/hr
Step III	11.23/hr	11.82/hr
Step IV	11.62/hr	12.23/hr
Step V	11.82/hr	12.43/hr

Position/Title:	VOTED EFFECTIVE July 1, 1996	PROPOSED July 1, 1997
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Department of Public Works

Superintendent of Public Works FY 98 Range of \$44,094-\$50,744/yr	49,266/hr	50,744/yr
Water Department Management Stipend	4,000/yr	4,000/yr
DPW Foreman	15.17/hr	15.63/hr
Water Department Foreman FY98 Range \$12.50-\$13.50/hr	12.88/hr	13.27/hr
Emergency Call Wages	110.00/wk	110.00/wk
Part Time CDL Plow/Sander Operator	15.00/hr	15.45/hr
Part-Time Truck Driver	8.76/hr	9.02/hr
Part-Time Laborer	7.43/hr	7.65/hr

Inspections Department

Gas/Plumbing Inspector	6,419/yr	6,612/yr
Wiring Inspector	9,103/yr	9,400/yr
Alternate Inspectors (wiring, health & building)	16.06/hr	16.54/hr
Building Inspector FY98 Range of \$36,016-\$43,537/yr	42,268/yr	43,537/yr
Animal Control Officer	11,532/yr	11,878/yr
Health Agent FY98 Range of \$38,408-\$41,534/yr	41,534/yr	42,780/yr
Landfill Gate Attendant	9.05/hr	9.32/hr

Finance/Administration

Town Administrator FY98 Range of \$56,000-60,457/yr	57,578/yr	60,457/yr
Administrative Secretary FY98 Range of \$27,000-31,000/yr	29,069/yr	31,000/yr

Position/Title:	VOTED EFFECTIVE July 1, 1996	PROPOSED July 1, 1997
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Town Accountant	40,912/yr	42,139/yr
FY98 Range of \$39,000 - \$42,139/yr		
Custodian of Town Lands Stipend	1,500/yr	1,500/yr
Treasurer/Collector	39,013/yr	40,184/yr
FY98 Range of \$36,050 - \$40,184/yr		
Assessor/Appraiser	41,769/yr	38,625/yr
FY98 range of \$36,050/yr - \$41,800/yr		

Fire Department Stipends

Drillmaster	100/yr	100/yr
Mechanic	520/yr	520/yr
Fire Prevention Officer	520/yr	520/yr

Public Safety Chiefs*

Police Chief	63,712 (included approx.	
FY98 Range \$50,000-\$61,000/yr	\$11,500 education, incentive, holiday, and longevity pay)	

Fire Chief	57,033 (included approx.	
FY98 Range \$50,000 - \$61,000/yr	\$5,100 education, holiday, and longevity pay)	

*This is included for informational purposes only because the Police Chief's minimum salary is established by state law.

Summer Recreation Department

Program Director	12.51/hr	12.88/hr
Program Assistant	8.78/hr	9.04/hr
Recreation Assistants	5.96/hr	6.14/hr

Position/Title:	VOTED EFFECTIVE July 1, 1996	PROPOSED July 1, 1997
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Library

Library Director	21,218/yr	35,000/yr*
Assistant Director		
Step 1	10.02/hr	10.32/hr
Step 2 (6 months)	10.70/hr	11.02/hr
Step 3 (18 months)	11.33/hr	11.67/hr
Step 4 (30 months)	11.74/hr	12.09/hr
Step 5 (54 months)	11.96/hr	12.32/hr

*represents an increase from 20 to 35 hrs per week

Adult Services Librarian
Children's Librarian
Reference Librarian

Step 1	9.70/hr	10.00/hr
Step 2 (6 months)	10.38/hr	10.69/hr
Step 3 (18 months)	10.91/hr	11.24/hr
Step 4 (30 months)	11.30/hr	11.63/hr
Step 5 (54 months)	11.51/hr	11.86/hr

Council On Aging

Program Director	9,579/yr	9,866/yr
FY98 Range of \$8,196-\$9,866/yr		
Meal Site Coordinator	8.50/hr	8.76/hr
Council On Aging Driver	10.28/hr	10.59/hr
Medical Transportation Drivers	6.52/hr	6.72/hr

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article. **The motion carried unanimously.**

ARTICLE 4: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of elected officers; to determine whether any Town board shall be authorized to employ for additional salary or compensation any of its members; provide for a reserve fund; and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriation from interest for the ensuing twelve months. The following pages constitute the detail of this article.

NUMBER		APPROVED FY96	APPROVED FY97	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY98	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1998 RECOMMENDATION
FUND: 01 GENERAL FUND					
FUNCTION 100: GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Department #114 TOWN MODERATOR					
5100	Personal Services	100	100	100	100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Department #122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATOR					
5100	Personal Services	95,023	97,547	102,457	102,457
5200	Purchase of Services	17,050	17,050	17,150	17,150
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,700
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	31,330	31,618	32,428	32,428
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$144,803	\$147,615	\$153,735	\$153,735
Department #131 FINANCE COMMITTEE					
5100	Personal Services	900	924	948	948
5200	Purchase of Services	115	115	115	115
5400	Purchase of Supplies	100	100	100	100
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	40,150	40,150	40,150	40,150
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$41,265	\$41,289	\$41,313	\$41,313
Department #135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
5100	Personal Services	48,565	50,746	55,066	55,066
5200	Purchase of Services	2,270	2,270	2,270	2,270
5400	Purchase of Supplies	600	600	600	600
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	225	225	225	225
5800	Capital Outlay	150	150	150	150
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$51,810	\$53,991	\$58,311	\$58,311
Department #141 ASSESSORS					
5100	Personal Services	73,071	76,555	72,379	72,379
5200	Purchase of Services	8,060	8,060	11,510	11,510
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,350	1,350	1,550	1,550
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
5800	Capital Outlay				
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$84,781	\$88,265	\$87,739	\$87,739
Department #145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR					
5100	Personal Services	82,082	89,779	93,907	93,907
5200	Purchase of Services	11,700	12,300	12,900	12,900
5400	Purchase of Supplies	2,500	2,750	3,000	3,000
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	425	425	425	425
5800	Capital Outlay	500	700	700	700
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$97,207	\$105,954	\$110,932	\$110,932
Department #146 CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS					
5100	Personal Services	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

NUMBER		APPROVED FY96	APPROVED FY97	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY98	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1998 RECOMMENDATION
Department #151 TOWN COUNSEL					
5100	Personal Services	11,500	11,845	12,200	12,200
5200	Purchase of Services	8,500	8,500	9,000	9,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$20,000	\$20,345	\$21,200	\$21,200
Department #152 PERSONNEL BOARD					
5100	Personal Services	600	616	650	650
5200	Purchase of Services				
5400	Purchase of Supplies	80	80	80	80
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	20	20	20	20
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$700	\$716	\$750	\$750
Department #161 TOWN CLERK					
5100	Personal Services	39,291	41,583	50,512	50,512
5200	Purchase of Services	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
5400	Purchase of Supplies	850	850	850	850
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	400	400	400	400
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	0	0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$44,241	\$46,533	\$53,962	\$53,962
Department #162 ELECTIONS/ REGISTRATIONS					
5100	Personal Services	6,285	7,755	5,455	5,455
5200	Purchase of Services	3,500	4,775	3,645	3,645
5400	Purchase of Supplies	450	550	350	350
5800	Capital Outlay	1,200	0	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$11,435	\$13,080	\$10,950	\$10,950
Department #171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
5100	Personal Services	3,330	3,425	2,940	2,940
5200	Purchase of Services	750	900	900	900
5400	Purchase of Supplies	100	200	200	200
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	350	450	450	450
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$4,530	\$4,975	\$4,490	\$4,490
Department #175 PLANNING BOARD					
5100	Personal Services	8,980	10,219	10,736	10,736
5200	Purchase of Services	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350
5400	Purchase of Supplies	500	500	500	500
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	915	915	915	915
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$12,745	\$13,984	\$14,501	\$14,501

NUMBER		APPROVED FY96	APPROVED FY97	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY98	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1998 RECOMMENDATION
Department #176 BOARD OF APPEALS					
5100	Personal Services	6,725	7,685	8,070	8,070
5200	Purchase of Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
5400	Purchase of Supplies	200	200	200	200
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	60	60	60	60
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$9,785	\$10,745	\$11,130	\$11,130
Department #181 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT					
5200	Purchase of Services	100	100	100	100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Department #192 TOWN BUILDINGS					
5100	Personal Services	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600
5200	Purchase of Services	25,950	25,950	25,950	25,950
5400	Purchase of Supplies	6,100	6,100	6,100	6,100
5800	Capital Outlay	600	600	600	600
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$37,250	\$37,250	\$37,250	\$37,250
FUNCTION 100					
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$560,752	\$586,442	\$607,963	\$607,963

FUNCTION 200: PUBLIC SAFETY

Department #210 POLICE DEPARTMENT					
5100	Personal Services	548,002	581,698	604,818	604,818
5200	Purchase of Services	48,253	50,033	50,700	50,700
5400	Purchase of Supplies	18,885	19,375	19,585	19,585
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	14,885	16,960	17,085	17,085
5800	Capital Outlay	17,500	28,000	32,000	32,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$647,525	\$696,066	\$724,188	\$724,188
Department #220 FIRE DEPARTMENT					
5100	Personal Services	558,342	589,824	618,753	618,753
5200	Purchase of Services	28,700	31,000	31,900	31,900
5400	Purchase of Supplies	21,985	22,200	23,150	23,150
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	2,950	3,550	4,650	4,650
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$613,477	\$648,074	\$679,953	\$679,953
Department #241 INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT					

NUMBER		APPROVED FY96	APPROVED FY97	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY98	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1998 RECOMMENDATION
5100	Personal Services	58,607	60,790	62,549	62,549
5200	Purchase of Services	2,339	2,439	2,439	2,439
5400	Purchase of Supplies	500	500	500	500
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	5,530	6,373	6,750	6,750
5800	Capital Outlay	600	850	850	850
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$67,576	\$70,952	\$73,088	\$73,088
Department #291 CIVIL DEFENSE					
5200	Purchase of Services	100	100	100	100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Department #292 ANIMAL CONTROL					
5100	Personal Services	11,196	11,532	11,878	11,878
5200	Purchase of Services	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
5400	Purchase of Supplies	725	725	725	725
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$17,721	\$18,057	\$18,403	\$18,403
Department #296 TOWN CONSTABLE					
5100	Personal Services	100	100	100	100
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
FUNCTION 200					
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$1,346,499	\$1,433,349	\$1,495,832	\$1,495,832

FUNCTION 300: EDUCATION

Department #301 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ¹					
5100	Personal Services	1,731,575	1,917,914	2,149,712	2,149,712
5200	Purchase of Services	330,377	396,590	500,490	500,490
5400	Purchase of Supplies	101,001	119,326	127,708	127,708
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	82,414	206,773	204,651	204,651
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$2,245,367	\$2,640,603	\$2,982,561	\$2,982,561
Department #302 MASCONOMET SCHOOL DISTRICT					
(Sums included for informational purposes only. Article 6 contains FY98 Masco Budget request)					
5600	Intergovernmental ²	1,721,338	1,958,757	2,287,313	2,287,313
	Payments (Middleton's Assessment)				
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,721,338	\$1,958,757	\$2,287,313	\$2,287,313
FUNCTION 300 *					
TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		\$3,966,705	\$4,599,360	\$2,982,561	\$2,982,561

* Does not include North Shore Technical School Budget contained in Article 5.

¹ Local school budget can be split with first portion of \$2,982,561 raised here, and remaining portion of \$45,750 to be raised in warrant article and Proposition 2 1/2 override vote.

² By statute Masconomet assessment must be voted on as a single appropriation (as certified by School Committee) Finance Committee will split out \$2,230,681 to be raised from tax levy with an additional \$56,632 to be raised by Masconomet Budget are contained in Article 6.

NUMBER	APPROVED FY96	APPROVED FY97	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY98	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1998 RECOMMENDATION
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FUNCTION 400: PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES

Department #420 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	325,277	387,187	402,121	402,121
5200	Purchase of Services	67,600	79,750	81,950	81,950
5400	Purchase of Supplies	122,050	133,150	137,450	137,450
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	22,300	25,300	27,300	27,300
5800	Capital Outlay	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$587,227	\$675,387	\$698,821	\$698,821
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Department #425 TRANSFER STATION/SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services				
5200	Purchase of Services		130,250	129,200	129,200
5400	Purchase of Supplies		5,200	7,000	7,000
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	8,500	8,500	18,500	18,500
5800	Capital Outlay				

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$8,500	\$143,950	\$154,700	\$154,700
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FUNCTION 400

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$595,727	\$819,337	\$853,521	\$853,521
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FUNCTION 500: HUMAN SERVICES

Department #511 BOARD OF HEALTH

5100	Personal Services	75,951	58,871	60,933	60,933
5200	Purchase of Services	9,450	9,600	14,700	14,700
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,000	900	900	900
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	176,650	4,200	4,200	4,200

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$263,051	\$73,571	\$80,733	\$80,733
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Department #541 COUNCIL ON AGING

5100	Personal Services	47,570	48,973	50,266	50,266
5200	Purchase of Services	4,260	4,260	4,360	4,360
5400	Purchase of Supplies	1,920	1,920	2,020	2,020
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	3,400	3,400	4,200	4,200
5800	Capital Outlay	1,200	1,200	1,000	1,000

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$58,350	\$59,753	\$61,846	\$61,846
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Department #543 VETERAN'S AGENT

5100	Personal Services	6,713	6,914	7,120	7,120
5200	Purchase of Services	105	105	105	105
5400	Purchase of Supplies	170	170	170	170
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	6,550	6,550	6,550	6,550

DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$13,538	\$13,739	\$13,945	\$13,945
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NUMBER		APPROVED FY96	APPROVED FY97	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY98	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1998 RECOMMENDATION
Department #545 TRI-TOWN COUNCIL					
5200	Purchase of Services	10,816	11,141	17,910	17,910
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$10,816	\$11,141	\$17,910	\$17,910
Department #546 HELP FOR ABUSED WOMEN					
5200	Purchase of Services	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,500
Department #547 HANDI-RIDE PROGRAM					
5200	Purchase of Services	1,500	0	0	0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Department #548 MIDDLETON GARDEN CLUB					
5200	Purchase of Services	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,700
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,700	\$1,700
Department #549 LOCAL CABLE BROADCASTS					
5200	Purchase of Services	2,500	2,500	2,575	2,575
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,575	\$2,575
Department #550 NORTH SHORE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE					
5200	Purchase of Services	500	500	500	500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
FUNCTION 500					
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		\$352,755	\$163,704	\$180,709	\$180,709
FUNCTION 600: CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Department #610 FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY					
5100	Personal Services	115,062	129,684	148,694	148,694
5200	Purchase of Services	15,180	15,180	15,000	15,000
5400	Purchase of Supplies	40,500	42,600	45,200	45,200
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	800	800	700	700
5800	Capital Outlay	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$173,042	\$189,764	\$211,094	\$211,094
Department #630 RECREATION COMMISSION					
5100	Personal Services	4,892	5,038	5,926	5,926
5200	Purchase of Services	5,850	5,850	5,850	5,850
5400	Purchase of Supplies	750	750	900	900
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	4,800	4,800	4,825	4,825
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$16,292	\$16,438	\$17,501	\$17,501

NUMBER		APPROVED FY96	APPROVED FY97	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY98	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1998 RECOMMENDATION
Department #691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
5200	Purchase of Services	300	300	300	300
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
FUNCTION 600					
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		\$189,634	\$206,502	\$228,895	\$228,895
FUNCTION 700: DEBT SERVICE					
Department #710 DEBT SERVICE					
5801	Principal	125,000	295,000	280,000	280,000
5915	Interest	197,275	330,854	507,365	507,365
FUNCTION 700					
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		\$322,275	\$625,854	\$787,365	\$787,365
FUNCTION UNCLASSIFIED					
Department: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS					
195	Town Report	7,000	11,500	12,500	12,500
196	Audit	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
197	Xmas Lights	350	350	350	350
199	Street Lights	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
692	Memorial Day	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
911	Retirement	224,000	244,000	286,000	286,000
913	Unemployment	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
914	Sick Leave	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
914	Health Insurance*	325,000	168,000	185,000	185,000
915	Group Insurance	2,200	3,500	3,500	3,500
916	Medicare Payroll Tax	24,500	26,000	20,000	20,000
945	Liability & Work Comp. Insurance	100,000	106,000	86,500	86,500
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		\$754,550	\$631,350	\$665,850	\$665,850
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$8,088,897	\$9,065,898	\$7,802,696	\$7,802,696
GENERAL FUND 01					

NUMBER	APPROVED FY96	APPROVED FY97	DEPARTMENT REQUEST FY98	SELECTMEN & FIN/COM 1998 RECOMMENDATION
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FUND: 28 WATER DEPARTMENT

FUNCTION 400: WATER SPECIAL REVENUE

Department #451 WATER DEPARTMENT

5100	Personal Services	29,000	30,790	32,602	32,602
5200	Purchase of Services	600	750	750	750
5400	Purchase of Supplies	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
5700	Other Charges & Expenses	650	500	500	500
5800	Capital Outlay	1,000	0	0	0
5900	Debt Service	38,783	27,738	65,070	65,070

TOTAL WATER FUND 28	\$90,033	\$79,778	\$118,922	\$118,922
OPERATING BUDGET				

ARTICLE 4:

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 4. This articles provides funding for the Town's Opeating Budget including expenses for contractual services, supplies, and small capital improvements, and Town employees' salaries and wages. The Finance Committee recommended the folowing two changes from the printed warrant: that line 5800 Capital Outlay in Deapartment #220 Fire Department be changed from \$1,500 to \$6,500 to cover rust repair and that line 5200 Purchase of Services in Department #420 Public Works & Facilities be changed from \$129,200 to \$112,200 to reflect reduced need at the Transfer Station. The Finance Committee stipulated that the funds for this article be taken from the following sources: \$16,500 fromMeal/Trip fees and North Shore Elder Services Grant Funds, \$10,000 from fire alarm fees, \$35,000 from the Ambulance Fund, \$118,922 from Water Receipts, \$5,000 from the Ferncroft Fund, and \$7,724196 from taxation, for a total operating budget of \$7,909,618..

The vote to adopt Article 4 was unanimous.

The Moderator introduced the new Assistant Assessor, Cheryl Gillespie, to the Meeting.

ARTICLE 5: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to approve the Fiscal Year 1998 Gross Operating and Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$5,811,401 of the North Shore Technical School District and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$164,213 for the Town's Assessment for said District; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 5 with the money to be raised by taxation, and the **Meeting voted to do so unanimously.**

ARTICLE 6: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,230,681 to partially fund the Fiscal Year 1998 Masconomet Regional School District Assessment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,632 to complete funding of the Fiscal Year 1998 Masconomet Regional District Assessment contingent upon subsequent approval of a Proposition 2-1/2 Override Ballot Question in the amount of said \$56,632 or take any other action thereon; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

(See Department #302 Within Omnibus Budget Article For Masconomet School District Budget For Previous Years' Appropriations.)

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 6 be adopted as printed and that Question 4 on the Town Election ballot be defeated in order to keep the increase in the Masconomet budget down to 8.3%. Susan Richardson of the Masconomet School Committee spoke in favor of funding the full budget and the 2 1/2 Override. **Article 6 was adopted on a voice vote.**

The Moderator introduced Judy Gallerie, chairman of the Regional School Committee, and Dr. Kathleen Lynch, Superintendent of the Regional School District.

ARTICLE 7: On petition of the Masconomet Regional School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,919 for the purposes of purchasing, installing, and equipping classroom computers, monitors, and printers, and other technology equipment and wiring incidental thereto for the Masconomet Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and ninety-seven; provided that said approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article, which provides equipment necessary to continue the Technology Program initiated in the elementary schools, with the money to come from the tax levy with a Proposition 2 1/2 Override. Diane McGowan spoke in favor. **Article 7 was adopted by the Meeting.**

ARTICLE 8: On Petition of the Inspector of Buildings to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.1.1.G.1 of the Middleton Zoning Bylaw by adding the following section to be identified as Section 4.1.1.G.1.A.

Section 4.1.1.G.1.A Swimming Pool Fencing

Every swimming pool shall be enclosed by a fence or a wall not less than four (4) feet high from ground level, permanently secured, erected, and maintained so that no persons may pass through it except by opening a door or gate therein which shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device and shall be kept securely padlocked at all times when not in actual use.

In the case of above-ground pools, the above requirement is considered to be satisfied if all of the following three (3) conditions are met:

- 1) At no point is the top of the wall less than four (4) feet above the ground surface.
- 2) Any ladder, set of stairs, or other similar device used to enter the pool must be secured in the upright position and padlocked or completely removed when not in actual use.
- 3) All filtering, pumping, and associated equipment shall be either contained within a four (4) foot high fence or stationed far enough away from the pool so that it does not serve as a stepping stone for persons to gain access to the pool.

A swimming pool having a depth of less than twenty-four(24) inches which is not emptied when not in use shall meet the above standards or shall be equipped with a closely woven monofilament poly propylene cover, or comparable material, securely fastened which will sustain weights up to two hundred (200) pounds. All swimming pool installations shall meet the approval of the Inspector of Buildings.

The Building Inspector asked that Article 8 be withdrawn because the state has recently adopted regulations that make this unnecessary. **There being no motion or a second, no action was taken on Article 8.**

ARTICLE 9: On petition of Arthur Gould and more than 10 registered voters of the Town of Middleton to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution;

- ❖ Whereas the Masconomet School District has served the students and residents of Middleton, Topsfield, and Boxford extremely well for 38 years, and;
- ❖ Whereas any change in the makeup of said District threatens the fiscal integrity and educational quality of Masconomet, and;

- ❖ Whereas Masconomet is at a critical period in providing necessary expanded facilities for rapidly growing student populations in all three communities,

Therefore be it resolved that this Town Meeting votes to express complete and continuing support for the Masconomet Regional School District in its current form of grades 7-12.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article and spoke in support of the continuation of the Masconomet Regional School District in its current form of grades 7-12. **The vote to adopt Article 9 was unanimous.**



ARTICLE 10: On petition of the School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,750 to partially fund enrollment-driven new teacher salaries for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, provided that said approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 operating budget referendum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article, with the funds to be raised by taxation with a Proposition 2 1/2 Override. Tom Skinner of the Elementary School Committee spoke in favor. This article would fund two additional staff positions, a fifth grade teacher and a .5 kindergarten teacher. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The Moderator introduced Dr. Joseph Connelly, Superintendent of the Tri-Town School Union.

ARTICLE 11: On petition of the Middleton Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, by adding the following to Section 4.6 (M-1 Industrial District) of the Middleton Zoning Bylaw:

4.6.2. Allowed By Special Permit

J. Business Uses: Any uses allowed in accordance with Section 4.4 (B-Business) shall also be allowed in the M-1 (Industrial) District on South Main Street only. Any such uses shall be limited to a distance of 500 feet back from the center of the roadway on both sides of South Main Street.

The purpose of this Article is to bring current uses in the affected area into compliance with the Zoning Bylaw and to eliminate the non-conformity of the district. There are currently 49 retail uses in this District and only 4 manufacturing uses. There are only 4 vacant parcels which would also be affected by this change.

Retail Uses:

114 Imports	114 Men's Salon
Antech Pool Supply	Anton's Cleaners
B&B Travel Agency	Bob's Store
Bookends	Bursaw Mobil Station
Cardsmart	Dailey's Restaurant
Charlie's Roast Beef	Dots Store
Dairy Queen	Family Bank
Dunkin Donuts	Frank's Nursery
Fashion Bug	Golf Country
G.N.C.	Hand-it-Back Books
Hair Express	Italian Rest. (app)
House of Pizza	Lee Nails
Joanne Fabrics	McDonald's Rest.
Market Basket	Oliver's Foods
NYNEX Mobile Comm.	
Pasquale's Rest.	Payless Shoes
Phippen's Garden	Prince Jewelers
Radio Shack	Red Wing Shoes
Richardson's Dairy	Richdale Stores
Robert's Cleaners	Simpson's Hair Salon
Sullivan's Curtain Shop	Sun Spot Tanning
Teak Imports	The Board Shop
The Hair Clinic	Tire & Tube
Today's Home	Video Thunder
Walgreen's Pharmacy	Yankee Stove & Fireplace
Total Retail Uses	49

Industrial/Manufacturing Uses: Everett Pattern Manufacturing, Middleton Aero Space, U. S. Made Leather (mixed use), Bicknell Pool (mixed use). Total Manufacturing Uses: 4.

Vacant Parcels: Autoroll - 229 South Main Street, Hogan Tire Co. - 253 South Main Street (approved), Bicknell storage property - 264 South Main Street. Total Vacant Parcels: 4.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board which recommended and seconded adoption of Article 11. After considerable discussion, **Article 11 was adopted by a vote of 258 Yes and 19 No.**

ARTICLE 12: On petition of the Board of Assessors to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors for the purpose of completing the triennial certification to update property values to full and fair market value in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article with the funds to be taken from the tax levy. Massachusetts General Laws require assessors to update property values on a triennial basis to full and fair market value and this is part of that ongoing assessment. **The motion carried.**

ARTICLE 13: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to employ alternate and local inspectors and part-time Conservation Agent to assist the Inspector of Building and Conservation Agent during periods of increased building construction as determined by the Board of Selectmen, such funds to be raised from construction permit fees.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to provide funding during peak periods of required inspections, with the source of funds to be permit fees. **The Meeting adopted Article 13.**

ARTICLE 14: On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to complete construction of a new baseball field behind the Fuller Meadow School, said expenditure to be submitted to the State School Building Assistance Bureau for 63% reimbursement as part of the reimbursable costs of the Fuller Meadow School expansion; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to provide funding for the completion of a second baseball field behind the Fuller Meadow School with said funding eligible for 63% state reimbursement. The money will come from Free Cash at this time. Jim Hosman of the Board of Selectmen explained that this money will be added to the \$43,000 raised for the ball field last year, and that after reimbursement the ball field will have cost the Town \$40,000. **The motion carried unanimously.**

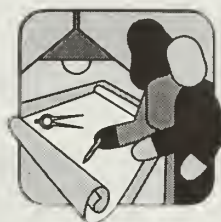
ARTICLE 15: On petition of John Kroll and ten registered voters of the Town to see if the Town will vote to accept an easement deed to the water lines in Fuller Pond Village Condominium which shall include only those lines in the streets as shown on "Definitive plan of Land in Middleton, MA" dated October 10, 1983 and recorded in Essex South Deeds in Plan Book 189, Plan 55 for the maintenance and repair of said water lines. The said Deed shall be acceptable to the Board of Selectmen who shall require title insurance, and to take any other action relative thereto.

Both the Finance Committee and Planning Board recommended this article. George Dow explained that this will allow the Town to loop its water lines rather than having two dead ends in the system. **The motion carried unanimously.**

ARTICLE 16: On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 to purchase an engineering plan printer/copier in accordance with specifications to be set

forth by the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works; said printer/copier to replace an existing 12 year old machine, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to replace a machine which uses ammonia and will only copy transparencies. The funding source is to be taxation. Dennis Roy, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works spoke in favor. **The motion carried.**



ARTICLE 17: On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for sidewalk repairs on Wennerberg Road; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to continue the program of sidewalk repairs and stipulated that the funding source be Free Cash. **Article 17 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.**

ARTICLE 18: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 5, Section 5-5-1 of the Town Charter by deleting it in its entirety and by adding the following new Section 6-3-1 (e) of Chapter 6 Appointments By The Board of Selectmen

(e). The Board of Selectmen shall have the power to appoint three members of the Board of Assessors for three year overlapping terms.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint qualified individuals to the Board of Assessors. Nancy Jones of the Board of Selectmen, George Dow, member of the

original Charter Study Committee, and Patricia Ohlson of the Board of Assessors all spoke in favor of the article. **The vote taken by a showing of cards was 178 in favor and 5 opposed.** The Moderator explained that this change will appear as a ballot question at the 1998 Annual Town Election.

ARTICLE 19: On petition of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,582 to install drainage, widen, pave and otherwise improve any public ways in accordance with the provisions of Section 34, Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and such funds to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to qualify for state grant reimbursement for road repaving and repairs. The funding will come from a Chapter 90 Grant. **The motion carried unanimously.**

ARTICLE 20: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to repair the roofs of the Flint Public Library and the Police Station, to repaint the flag pole next to the Library, and replace the furnace in and make repairs to Memorial Hall; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to address maintenance and repair items identified by department heads in town buildings with the funding source to be the tax levy. **The motion carried unanimously.**

ARTICLE 21: On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to purchase home alert pagers, portable and mobile radios, replacement firefighter turn-out gear, and self-contained breathing apparatus, including air tanks, regulators and masks; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommends this article to replace important safety equipment within the inventory of the Fire Department, with the funds to be raised by taxation. **The motion carried.**

ARTICLE 22: On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to install a garage exhaust system for the Fire Station; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to install equipment to remove heavy diesel fumes resulting from trucks leaving and entering Fire Headquarters. The funds are to be raised by taxation. **Article 22 was adopted by the Meeting.**

ARTICLE 23: On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425,000 to be used together with the trade in or sale value of the ladder truck to purchase a new ladder in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Fire Chief; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.



The Finance Committee recommended this article to replace the ladder truck as a result of the condition of its chassis, limited parts availability, and extended vehicle replacement times. The Finance Committee specified that the funding sources would be \$200,000 from Free Cash, \$140,000 from the Stabilization Fund and \$85,000 from taxation. Because taking money from the Stabilization Fund requires a 2/3 vote, the vote was taken by a showing of cards. **It showed 149 in favor, 16 opposed.**

ARTICLE 24: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 of the Middleton Zoning Bylaw by adding the following sections:

4.14 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District

4.14.1 District: Wireless Telecommunication Facilities may be allowed by Special Permit by the Board of Appeals in an Interstate (IH) Highway Business District and in the Institutional (I) District overlaying the R-1B Residential District on land owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Said land within the Institutional District is identified as Lot 20A and Lot 16 respectively located off Maple Street at the Danvers Town Line and as shown on the Middleton's Assessor's Map #20, and consisting of approximately 60 acres. Procedures to be followed shall be according to the Rules and Regulations for granting Special Permit adopted by the Board of Appeals.

4.14.2 Definitions: The following words and phrases when used, shall, for the purpose of this Zoning Bylaw, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

A. Wireless Communication Systems: Antenna support structures for mobile and land telecommunication facilities including whip antennas, panel antennas, microwave dishes and receive - only satellite dishes, cell enhances and related equipment for wireless transmissions from a sender to one or more receivers, such as for mobile cellular telephones or mobile radio systems facilities. This definition is inclusive of the placement of the above referenced equipment on a monopone tower, a steel lattice tower, guyed steel lattice tower and any communication tower which does or does not utilize guy wire support in addition to existing buildings or other independent support structures. This system shall also allow as one of its components an unmanned equipment shelter.

B. Monopone Antenna Structure: A self supporting pole type structure with no guy wire support, tapering from base to top and so designed to support fixtures which hold one or more antennas and related equipment for wireless telecommunication transmission.

C. Lattice Antenna Structure: A steel lattice, self supporting structure with no guy wire support, so designed to support fixtures which hold one or more antennas and related equipment for wireless communication transmission.

D. Guyed Lattice Antenna Structure: A steel lattice, guy wire supported structure, so designed to support fixtures which hold one or more antennas and related equipment for wireless communication transmission.

E. Building Or Other Independent Support Structure: Buildings or other structures such as water towers, steeples, utility poles and other creative locations.

F. Unmanned Equipment Building: An accessory building housing electronic and communication equipment as an associated and permitted part of a wireless communication system.

4.14.3 General Requirements

(A) Antenna support structures shall be two hundred (200) feet from all residential zoning Districts, measured from the base of the antenna support structure to the nearest residential zoning district boundary.

(B) The unmanned equipment buildings shall not exceed seven hundred fifty (750) feet of gross floor area and shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in overall height.

(C) The overall height of antenna support structures including the antenna shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) feet. Antennas placed on buildings or other support structures

shall comply with the maximum height requirement.

(D) A building permit from the Inspector of Buildings for the Town shall be required for the installation of any antenna support structures, antenna attached to buildings or other independent support structures and unmanned equipment buildings developed for a wireless communication system. Applications for a permit shall be accompanied by the following:

- 1) Four (4) complete sets of construction documents showing the proposed method of installation.
- 2) A copy of the manufacturer's recommended installation instructions.
- 3) A certified plot plan to scale showing the antenna, property and setback lines, easements, power lines, all structures and the distances from all residential zoning districts.
- 4) Certification by a structural or civil engineer registered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the proposed installation complies with the latest addition of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR).
- 5) Certification shall be submitted stating that all antennas and antenna support structures shall comply with the height and illumination restrictions established by the F.A.A. (Federal Aviation Administration) or other applicable Federal or State agencies.

(E) The shared use of existing antenna support structures and approved antenna support structure sites shall be preferred to the construction of new such facilities. The antenna support structures must be constructed to support a minimum of two (2) antenna arrays from two (2) separate wireless communication system providers or users.

Section 4.14.4 Additional Requirements

- A. Tower Illumination: Towers shall not be illuminated except as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.) or other applicable Federal or State agencies.
- B. Radiation Standards: Wireless communication systems shall comply with current Federal Communication Commission (F.C.C.) standards for non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation (N.I.E.R.). The applicant shall submit verification that the proposed site plan ensures compliance with these standards.



- C. Fencing For Wireless Communication Systems: A fence shall be required around the antenna support structure and other equipment, unless the antenna is mounted on a building or other independent support structure. The fence shall not be less than eight (8) feet in height measured from finish grade. Access to the antenna support structure shall be through a locked gate.
- D. Landscaping For Wireless Communications Systems: Landscaping shall be required to screen as much of the antenna support structure as possible, the fence surrounding the antenna support structure, and any other ground level features such as a building. A combination of existing native vegetation, natural topography, manmade features such as berms, walls, decorative fences and any other features can be used instead of landscaping if those features achieve the same degree of screening as the required landscaping.

- E. Signs For Wireless Communication Systems: There shall be only one sign allowed on any wireless communication tower or antenna support structure. Any such sign shall be no greater in size than three (3) square feet and shall be limited to the identification of the owner/operator of such facility. Signs advertising any products or services not pertinent to the operation of the facility shall be prohibited. Any such sign allowed shall not be placed at a height of greater than eight (8) feet from ground level.
- F. Setbacks For Wireless Communication Systems: Antenna support structures and unmanned equipment buildings shall meet the minimum building setback requirements for both Zoning Districts. In addition antenna support structures shall be setback from all other buildings and structures a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) percent of the height of such antenna support structure.
- G. Abandonment: In the event the use of any wireless communication system, which would include any antenna support structure, has been discontinued for a period of one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days, the antenna support structure shall be deemed to be abandoned. Determination of the date of abandonment shall be made by the Inspector of Buildings who shall have the right to request documentation and/or affidavits from the antenna support structure owner/operator regarding the issue of usage. Upon determination of abandonment, the owner/operator of the antenna support structure shall remove the antenna support structure within ninety (90) days, of receipt of notice from the Inspector of Buildings notifying the owner/operator of such abandonment. If such antenna support structure is not removed within said ninety (90) days, the Inspector of Buildings may cause such antenna support structure to be removed at the owners expense. If there are two or more users of an antenna support structure, then this provision shall not become effective until all users cease using the antenna support structure.

Purpose: The Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Middleton fail to adequately provide for regulations for wireless communication systems and in order to comply with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and in order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community, the following regulations are intended to provide for the appropriate location and development of wireless communication towers and antennas to serve the residents and businesses of the Town of Middleton, and to minimize visual impacts of towers through careful design, siting and screening, and to avoid potential damage to adjacent properties from tower failure and falling debris. These regulations through engineering and careful siting of tower structures are intended to maximize use of any new or existing communication towers to reduce the number of towers needed.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board for its recommendations. The Planning Board recommended adoption of Article 24 and seconded the motion. After discussion, **Article 24 was adopted** by a showing of cards: the vote was 173 Yes, 4 No.

ARTICLE 25: On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to purchase instructional materials, furniture, and computer equipment for two additional classrooms and to meet the school needs due to expanded enrollment; and to see if such funds will be raised by



taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article for the purchase of instructional materials and furniture needed due to enrollment growth, with the funds to come from Free Cash. Paul Woodbury of the School Committee spoke in favor of the motion, and it subsequently **passed unanimously**.

ARTICLE 26: On petition of the Middleton School Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500 to purchase materials, books, and resources for year two of a two year K-6 Language Arts Program; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to purchase resources required by the Language Arts Program within the elementary schools. They recommended that the funding source be Free Cash. Deb Geisler of the Elementary School Committee spoke in favor of the article, explaining that it will fund the second year of the program begun last year. **The Meeting adopted Article 26 on a voice vote.**

ARTICLE 27: On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Meeting accept \$88,000 from the earnings of the Electric Light Department to be used for the reduction of taxes. "This is an annual transfer of funds from the Middleton Electric Light Department to the Town in lieu of taxes." **The motion carried.**

ARTICLE 28: On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will authorize the appropriation of all income of the Municipal Light Department, the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners, for the expenses of the Department for the Fiscal Year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and the excess to be transferred to the Depreciation Fund of said Department for the use as the Commissioners may direct hereto.

The Finance Committee recommended this article, explaining that it is on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to permit the Electric Light Department to operate as a municipal department under the laws of the Commonwealth. **The Meeting adopted Article 28 unanimously.**

ARTICLE 29: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Campbell Road as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board for its recommendations. The Planning Board recommended that the article be withdrawn. There being no motion or second, **no action was taken on Article 29.**

At 10:30 p.m. Rick Kassiotis of the Board of Selectmen made a motion to adjourn the Meeting to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 1997, at the North Shore Technical High School. The motion was seconded from the floor and **passed on a voice vote.**



Adjourned to May 15th

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 13, adjourned to May 15, 1997

On Thursday, May 15, 1997, voters of the Town of Middleton met in the North Shore Technical High School Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. A quorum being present (it was later shown that 201 voters were present), the Moderator resumed the Meeting with consideration of Article 30.

ARTICLE 30: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept DeRosier Drive as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board recommended adoption of Article 30, and the motion was seconded from the floor. **The vote to accept DeRosier Drive as a Town Street was unanimous.**

The Moderator introduced Chief-Elect Paul Armitage of the Police Department and asked the Meeting to recognize him, which it did loudly.

ARTICLE 31: On petition of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health to see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects; repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all cost thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any action relative thereto.

Purpose of Article: *The purpose of Article 30 is to authorize the Town to apply for \$200,000 in loans from the State's Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund to assist income eligible, (family income less than*

\$150,000), homeowners in financing septic system repairs. Homeowners whose systems require repairs under the State's revised Title 5 may apply for low interest loans to be repaid over twenty years through a betterment to be billed and paid with property tax bills.

The Finance Committee recommended that this article be adopted with \$200,000 to be raised from the State Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund. Since this article involves bonding, a 2/3 vote is required. **The Meeting voted to adopt Article 31 unanimously.**

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ARTICLE 32: On petition of the Masconomet Regional School Committee to see if the Town will vote to approve the indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee on March 13, 1997, for the purpose of architectural and engineering services and other preliminary expenses for expansion and renovation of district school buildings and facilities, including outdoor athletic facilities and sewerage facilities, provided that said approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion referendum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C, for the amounts required to pay the Town's share of the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by the District, and if such referendum is not passed, this vote will be deemed to be a disapproval, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Finance Committee made a motion that the Town appropriate the sum of \$814,027 for architectural and engineering services and other preliminary expenses for expansion and renovation of district school buildings and facilities, including outdoor athletic facilities and sewerage facilities, and that this appropriation be raised by incurring debt by the issuance of bonds or notes under Section 16 of Chapter 71 of the

General Laws as amended, provided that said approval shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion referendum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C for the amounts required to pay the Town's share of the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by the District, and if such referendum is not passed, this vote will be deemed to be a disapproval of said debt pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16. The Finance Committee recommended this article. After a presentation by Judy Gallerie of the Masconomet School Committee and much discussion, a vote was taken by a showing of cards. **The motion carried, with 153 in favor and 5 opposed.**

ARTICLE 33: On petition of the Conservation Commission to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendment to the Town Bylaws to add a new Chapter VI within Part Two - Prudential Affairs and Internal Police entitled, "Middleton Wetlands Protection Bylaw." Copies of this Bylaw were printed at the end of each Warrant and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Gertrude Dearborn of the Conservation Commission asked that Article 33 be withdrawn. She explained that the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners have revised and rewritten a Wetland Bylaw for 1997. The Middleton Conservation Commission wants to obtain this information and make any suggested changes before presenting it to the Town. **There being no motion and no second, no action was taken on Article 33.**



ARTICLE 34: On petition of Anthony Duskey and more than 10 registered voters of the Town of Middleton to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to establish a Conservation Land Acquisition Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C as amended, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to establish a fund for the purchase of open space or conservancy land as it may become available. (The purchase of such land with money from this fund would require the approval of Town Meeting.) The Finance Committee recommended the \$50,000 come from Free Cash. After considerable discussion, **the Meeting adopted Article 34.**

ARTICLE 35: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to be taken from Free Cash to apply to and reduce the FY 98 Tax Rate.



The Finance committee recommended that \$150,000 be taken from Free Cash to apply to and reduce the FY98 Tax Rate, and the **Meeting voted to do so.**

ARTICLE 36: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that this article be withdrawn and **no action taken.**

ARTICLE 37: On petition of the North Shore Technical School Committee and the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws of the Town of Middleton, Part Two-Prudential Affairs and Internal Police, Chapter I - Nuisances Section One, by adding Subsection 4 as follows:

Subsection 4: Smoking Prohibited In and On School Property

4.1 Smoking shall be prohibited in all schools and on all school property.

4.2 Smoking shall be defined as smoking or possessing a lighted

cigarette, cigar, pipe or other smoking article.



4.3 Violations of this section shall be non-criminal in nature and violators shall be subject to the following fines:

First Offense:	\$25.00
Second Offense:	\$50.00
Third & Subsequent Offense:	\$100.00

Said fines shall be paid to the Town of Middleton.

4.4 The enforcing officials shall be those persons designated by the School Committee in control of the applicable school and the law enforcement officials of the Town of Middleton.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article, and **it was approved on a voice vote.**

ARTICLE 38: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws of the Town of Middleton, Part Two-Prudential Affairs and Internal Police, Chapter I-Nuisances Section One, by adding Subsection 5 as follows:

Subsection 5: Smoking Prohibited In Town Buildings

5.1 Smoking shall be prohibited in all town buildings.

5.2 Smoking shall be defined as smoking or possessing a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other smoking article.

5.3 Violations of this section shall be non-criminal in nature and violators shall be subject to the following fines:

First Offense:	\$25.00
Second Offense:	\$50.00
Third & Subsequent Offense:	\$100.00

Said fines shall be paid to the Town of Middleton.

5.4 The enforcing officials shall be the law enforcement officials of the Town of Middleton.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this article, and **it was approved on a voice vote.**

ARTICLE 39: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept Currier Lane as a Town Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision new streets.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board. The Planning Board recommended adoption of Currier Lane as a Town Street, and the motion was seconded from the floor. **The motion carried.**

ARTICLE 40: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 18 which provides that all retirees, their spouse or dependents be required, if eligible, to enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the Town of Middleton.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of Article 40. After a brief explanation by Robert Murphy, Town Accountant, **the motion carried.**

ARTICLE 41: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to establish a Growth and Master Plan Study Committee consisting of at least five but not more than seven members to be appointed by the Town Moderator and report recommendations to the Planning Board and the Selectmen for managing growth and updating the Town's Official Master Plan, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200 for secretarial services, and to see if the Town will take any related action thereto.

The Finance Committee recommended this article because it recognizes the need to establish this committee and update the Town's 30-year-old Master Plan. It was specified that the funding source be the tax levy. The Planning Board also recommended the article. The Meeting **adopted Article 41 unanimously.**

ARTICLE 42: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5 of the Middleton Zoning Bylaw by adding the following new sections.

Section 5.12 Growth Management Zoning Bylaw - Purpose

The purpose of the Growth Management Zoning Bylaw is to protect and promote the public health, safety, welfare, education and preserve the rural community character of the Town, by maintaining the growth of the Town at a manageable rate, and to allow time for the Town to update its master plan in order to protect the Town from uncontrolled development pending adoption of the master plan, and to ensure adequate time for the Town to expand its resources to provide those services necessary to meet the educational, infrastructure, and public safety needs of the residents, and to protect the Town from uncontrolled development pending the final adoption of a revised master plan.

The rate of development should not exceed the ability of the Town to provide adequate schools, roads, police and fire protection, water supply, subsurface wastewater treatment capability and other services necessary and appropriate to safeguard the health, welfare, and safety of the residents.

Section 5.12.1 Applicability

This bylaw shall apply to the issuance of all building permits for the construction of new single-family and two-family dwellings, with exceptions as set forth in Section 5.15 herein. This bylaw shall become effective on July 1, 1997 and shall expire on June 30, 2002. However, before said expiration date and by vote of Town Meeting the provisions of this Growth Management Zoning Bylaw may be extended for an additional five years in order to continue municipal comprehensive planning studies necessary to promote orderly growth. In the event such action is taken by Town Meeting prior to June 30, 2002, these provisions shall not be construed to have lapsed on such date.



Section 5.12.2 New Dwelling Unit Limitation

5.12.2.A Building permits shall not be issued authorizing construction of more than forty (40) dwelling units in single or two-family dwellings in any fiscal year. For the purpose of this bylaw each condominium unit or town house shall be considered to be a single family dwelling and each such unit or town house shall be considered to be a part of the 40 dwelling units allowed.

5.12.2.B Applications refused because of this limitation shall be held and acted upon in chronological sequence based upon the date that a completed application was submitted to the office of the Inspector of Buildings.

Section 5.13 Individual Development Phasing

Building permits shall not be issued authorizing construction of more than ten (10) dwelling units in any fiscal year on any set of lots which were created from land which at the date of adoption of this law, were contiguous and in the same ownership or in different ownership involving one (1) or more of the same principals.

Section 5.14 Procedures

No applicant may have more than two (2) requests for a single family residential permit pending before the Inspector of Buildings, in any given month. No more than five (5) single family residential building permits shall be issued to any one applicant in any fiscal year. The procedures for issuing the single family residential building permits referred to herein shall be as follows:

a. The applicant must complete and submit to the Inspector of Buildings, an application along with plans and all other required documentation as outlined in a document entitled "Building Permit Procedure Package" available at the Inspector's office.

b. The Inspector of Buildings will accept applications for single family residential building permits on a first come, first served basis during normal business hours. The Inspector will assign consecutive numbers to applications for permits as each is received. Applicants may not submit more requests for permits during any period than the number of single family residential permits, to which the applicant would be entitled during such period in accordance with this bylaw. No building permit application will be

accepted by any method other than delivery in hand and will be accepted during the Inspector's normal regular office hours only.

c. Building permit application packages that are incomplete or rejected due to the applicants failure to follow the procedures outlined in the "Building Permit Application Package", or for any other lawful reason will not be assigned a submittal number.

d. If a building permit application is accepted by the Inspector of Buildings, a building permit may be issued at any time within thirty (30) days of such submission, but not necessarily in the order of which applications were received.



Section 5.15 Exemptions

This bylaw shall not apply to building permits for the construction of the following:

a. Any unit of housing to be built under any program or statute intended to assist the construction of elderly housing units or assisted living units as defined in the applicable statutes or regulations of Massachusetts General Laws or Town of Middleton Bylaws.

b. Restoration, expansion, alteration or reconstruction of a dwelling in existence as of the effective date of this bylaw.

c. Permits for non-residential purposes.

d. Permits for dwelling units in the Interstate Highway Business Zone

as outlined by Section 5.9.1 of the Zoning Bylaw, Section 5.16

Section 5.16

For the purpose of this bylaw, any person who owned land in the Town of Middleton **for a period of one year** prior to the adoption of this bylaw shall receive a one-time exception (one building permit) from the provisions of this bylaw for the purpose of the construction of a single family dwelling on the parcel owned, provided that the single family dwelling shall be owned and occupied by the owner of that parcel of land.

The Finance Committee recommended this article to control the rate of development beyond the ability of the Town to provide services. The Planning reported that they had voted 3 to 1 in favor of recommending Article 42. John Kunz made a motion to table Article 42 indefinitely which was seconded from the floor. The Moderator explained that this motion requires a 2/3 vote. A vote taken by a showing of cards resulted in 52 votes in favor and 103 opposed to tabling the article indefinitely. The motion did not carry.

After a great deal of discussion, Mr. Kunz made a motion to amend this bylaw to add Section 5.15.e: "This bylaw would not apply to any subdivision already granted final approval of a definitive plan by the Middleton Planning Board prior to the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 1997." After more discussion the motion to amend this article carried.

Still further discussion ensued. When the vote was taken by a showing of cards, there were **97 votes in favor and 53 votes opposed to adopting Article 42 as amended. The motion did not carry** because the 2/3 vote required to pass a Zoning amendment was not achieved.

ARTICLE 43: On petition of the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,000 to be used in addition to the trade in or sale value of the 1988 Case (Model 580K) backhoe for the purchase of one new backhoe, in accordance with specifications to be set

forth by the Superintendent of the Division of Public Works; and to see if such funds will be raised by taxation; by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination thereof.



The Finance Committee recommend adoption of this article, because the existing nine year old backhoe is in need of extensive chassis and hydraulic repairs in excess of \$20,000. The Finance Committee specified that of the \$49,000 to fund this article, \$33,000 should be taken from the tax levy and \$16,000 from the FY97 Snow Removal Account. **The motion carried unanimously.**

ARTICLE 44: On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Watkins Way as a Town Street, beginning at the intersection of Wallen Way to the intersection with North Liberty as laid out by the Board of Selectmen under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22, and in compliance with the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations for new streets.

The Finance Committee deferred to the Planning Board for its recommendations. The Planning Board did not recommend adoption of this portion of Watkins Way as a Town Street. There being no motion and no second, **no action was taken on Article 44.**

The Moderator reminded the Meeting of the Town Election and Override votes next Monday, May 19, 1997.

At 10:20 p.m. the Moderator entertained a motion to dissolve the Meeting which was quickly seconded from the floor and voted affirmatively.

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

May 19, 1997

The polls at the Fuller Meadow School were opened by Warden Sandra Pollock at 7:00 am and remained open until 8:00 pm. There were 3,700 registered voters at the close of registration for this election, and 1,136 votes were cast. This represents a voter turnout of 31%. The results were:

MODERATOR

(For One Year Vote for One)

Henry A. Tragert	904
All Others	6
Blanks	226

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(For Three Years Vote for One)

Judy Gallerie	804
Edward Gronbeck	6
All Others	2
Blanks	324

SELECTMAN

(For Three Years Vote for Two)

James G. Hosman	459
Nancy M. Jones	608
Dana L. Caldwell	376
William R. Mugford	539
Blanks	290

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONER

(For Three Years Vote for Two)

Richard W. Kassiotis	537
Kevin Kiley	483
Frank Twiss	598
All Others	2
Blanks	652

ASSESSOR

(For Three Years Vote for One)

Richard O. Ajootian	407
Deborah J. Carbone	643
Blanks	86

PLANNING BOARD

(For Five Years Vote for One)

Beverly A. Popielski	547
Steven M. Weitzler	425
All Others	2
Blanks	162

ASSESSOR

(For Two Years Vote for One)

Kosta E. Prentakis	768
All Others	6
Blanks	362

PLANNING BOARD

(For Two Years – Vote for One)

George E. Dow, Sr.	648
Thomas John Wheatley	338
Blanks	150

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(For Three Years Vote for Two)

Douglas Mathews	728
Gimmie Sue Valacer	627
All Others	5
Blanks	912

PLANNING BOARD

(For One Year – Vote for One)

Harry W. Mathews	770
All Others	5
Blanks	361

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(For Three Years Vote for Two)

Kurt P. Mann	768
Edward Gronbeck	43
All Others	19
Blanks	1,442

TRUSTEE OF THE FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

(For Three Years Vote for Two)

William S. Dalton	836
Frank Twiss	14
All Others	14
Blanks	1,408

HOUSING AUTHORITY
(For Four Years Vote for One)

Mary Jane Morrin	812
All Others	4
Blanks	320

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to assess an additional \$45,750 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of partially funding enrollment-driven new teacher salaries in Middleton's School Department for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven?

Yes	452
No	638
Blanks	46



QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the Town's share for the bond issued by the Masconomet Regional School Committee for architectural and engineering services and other preliminary expenses for expansion and renovation of district school buildings and facilities, including outdoor athletic facilities and sewerage facilities?

Yes	511
No	565
Blanks	60

QUESTION 3

Shall the Town of Middleton be allowed to assess an additional \$56,632 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of partially funding the Town's assessment for the Masconomet Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven?

Yes	464
No	618
Blanks	54

Attest, a True Copy,

Sarah B. George
Town Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The Board of Registrars of Voters is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve three-year overlapping terms. The Town Clerk is a Registrar by virtue of her office. The duties of the Registrars include the following:

- Register new voters
- Certify nomination papers and petitions
- Conduct election recounts
- Maintain and update the list of registered voters
- Prepare the annual census.

When the 1997 census was taken, an application for mail-in voter registration forms was enclosed with each census form. 148 of these applications were returned to us. As a result, 232 mail-in forms were sent out,

The Board holds a special registration session prior to each election and town meeting.

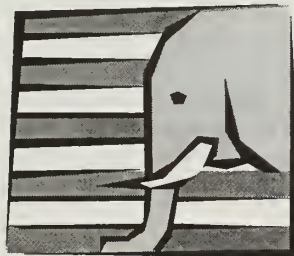
Registration sessions are held in the Office of the Town Clerk, the Board of Registrars Office in Memorial Hall or the Flint Public Library. In addition to the special sessions, any resident of the Town may register to vote in the Town Clerk's Office: Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM, Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM, and Tuesday evening 6-8 PM. Mail-in registration is also possible. Forms are available at the Post Office and Library or by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 774-6927.

As of January 1, 1997 the Board found the total number of residents to be 6,249. As of June 30, 1997, the number of registered voters and their party enrollment is as follows:

Democrats	814
Republicans	552
Unenrolled	2,320
Others	18
Total	3,704

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Hocter, Chairman
Alice Milbery
Nancy Karolides
Sarah George (ex officio)



BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS RECORDED

In Fiscal Year 1997 eighty-three (83) births were recorded in the Town Clerk's Office as occurring to residents of Middleton. Thirty-three (33) marriages and thirty-eight (38) deaths were also recorded.



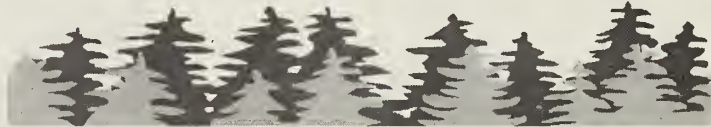
General Laws, the list of births is now omitted from this report.

Similarly, the lists of marriages and deaths are now omitted in accordance with the recommendations of the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records.

Please be advised that this information is still public, however, and individual records may be viewed and copies purchased in the Town Clerk's Office.

In accordance with a 1991 amendment of Chapter 51, Section 4 of the Massachusetts

CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS



During Fiscal Year 1997, no auctions were held since the addition of property to the Town was minimal. Time was spent researching properties in the Town's custody and preparing for a land auction in the Spring of 1998. However, prior to holding the auction the Conservation Commission and legal counsel will provide input consistent with conservation objectives and provide the Town with legal and proper title at the time of sale.

My objective continues to be to have no property owned by the Town that is not for conservation or other Town uses.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Murphy

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The general purpose financial statements of the Town of Middleton are submitted herewith. These reports were prepared by me as the Town Accountant.

Responsibility for both accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rest with the Town.

I believe the data as presented is accurate in all material aspects; that it is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position and results of operation of the Town as measured by the financial activity of its various funds; and that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain the maximum understanding of the Town's financial affairs have been included.

The Town continues to be in a sound financial position. However, the tax rate for Fiscal Year 1997 did increase to \$13.98 per thousand dollars of valuation. This increase was projected, but thanks to the efforts of everyone involved in Town Government and the support of Town body, it didn't exceed the projections. It is projected that for the next few years the Town will be looking at double digit tax increase driven by population increases.

The following is a schedule of general long-term town obligations

The Town's indebtedness consists of serial notes issued between fiscal 1980 and 1996 for funding special projects. All bond issues were approved by Town Meeting.

The following is a statement of changes in long term debt for the year ended June 30, 1997:

TYPE	INTEREST RATES	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	BALANCE AT 7-1-96	RETIREMENTS	BALANCE AT 6-30-97
School Construction & Landfill Project Maturities 1996-2015	4.3% to 7.2%	5,000,000	5,000,000	170,000	4,830,000
School Renovation Project Maturities 1996-2005	3.1% to 5.0%	1,275,000	1,025,000	125,000	900,000
Electric Substation Maturities 1996-2009	5.7% to 8.0%	1,975,000	1,300,000	100,000	1,200,000
Water Extension Maturities 1996-2005	5.0%	412,000	32,175	3,575	28,600
Water Extension Maturities 1996-2022	5.0%	367,800	260,000	9,800	250,000
TOTALS		\$9,029,800	\$7,617,175	\$408,375	\$7,208,800

The annual debt service requirements of the Town's outstanding indebtedness at June 30, 1997, with interest rates from 3.1% to 8.0% are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	393,375	372,960	766,335
1999	398,375	349,851	748,226
2000	408,375	315,878	724,253
2001	413,375	303,564	716,939
2002	428,375	283,422	711,797
Thereafter	5,166,925	3,497,303	7,038,553
Total	\$7,208,800	\$3,497,303	\$10,706,103

At June 30, 1997, the Town has authorized and unissued debt of \$3,080,000, \$1,650,000 for landfill capping, \$1,135,000 for school construction and \$295,000 for water projects.

These two schedules illustrate some of the reasons we see increasing tax rates now and for sometime in the future. These debt schedules do not reflect any impact the Masco building project will most certainly have in future years. The impact on the proposed Masco addition to the Town debt and interest schedule will be tremendous. The debt could range from 12 to 15 million dollars within three or four years.

In last year's report I indicated Fiscal 97 and beyond will continue to challenge the Town's fiscal resources. The times are now here and many tough and perhaps unpopular decisions will be necessary in future years. In order to ease the tax burden the Town must continue to take steps to bring in sound environmental safe businesses or developments that have little impact on services and especially our schools. The Town also needs to consider restriction on residential building. The residential growth continues to have negative

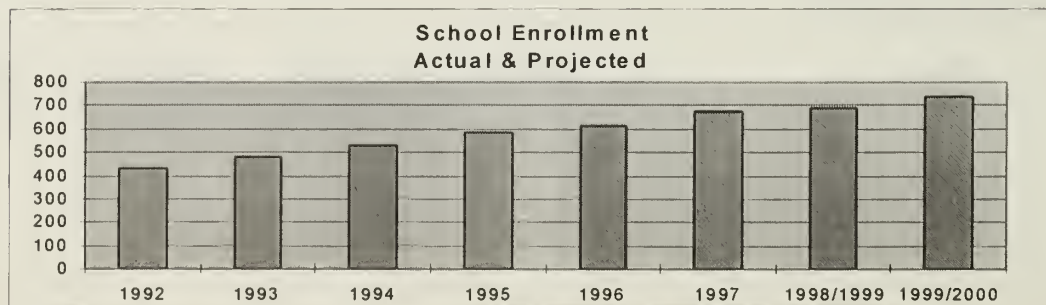
impact on the Town's resources. The balance between residential growth and business growth continues to widen to favor residential growth.

In Fiscal 1997 we have seen the impact on our school systems and in fiscal year 1998, with the opening of the new wing at Fuller Meadow, the Town will begin to see the full impact of the growth in population.

Shown below is Elementary (K-6) school enrollment both actual and projected from 1992 to 2000.

Once again, I thank the townspeople for their support at Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Bill Fraher our CPA, and all department heads and committees for their support during the year.

<u>ACTUAL</u>						<u>PROJECTED</u>	
1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998/1999	1999/2000
429	481	530	582	625	674	691	737



TOWN OF MIDDLETON
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDING 6/30/97

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE #22-25	WATER SP REV #26	CAPITAL #30	ENTERPRISE #62	NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS #62	EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS #64	STABILIZATION #65	TRUST AGENCIES #69	CAPITAL PROJECT #31	LONG TERM DEBT #57	TOTALS
ASSETS:												
CASH	2,779,927	401,167	384,756	499,996	252,834		9,907		9,502	474,848		4,812,937
RECEIVABLES:												
PETTY CASH	275											275
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	4,336,635											4,336,635
LESS: ALLOW FOR ABATEMENTS	(232,960)											(232,960)
NET REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	4,103,675											4,103,675
TAX TITLE & TAX POSSESSIONS	592,825											592,825
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	57,504											57,504
OTHER RECEIVABLES	6,423	143,043			1,164,237				3,321			1,317,024
FIXED ASSETS					6,130,807							6,130,807
INVESTMENTS					3,977,708							3,977,708
PROJECTS AUTHORIZED		277,097				427,820	191,227	293,560	377,250			1,189,354
AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED				5,685,000								5,685,000
DUE TO/FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	3,969	100,953	60,000								6,008,800	6,172,722
TOTAL ASSETS	7,544,343	922,260	444,756	6,184,996	11,525,586	427,820	201,134	293,560	390,073	474,848	6,008,800	34,418,178
LIABILITIES:												
BAD DEBT	(1,215)											(1,215)
DEFERRED REVENUE:												
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	4,103,675											4,103,675
TAX TITLE	592,825											592,825
MOTOR VEHICLES	57,504				4,868				3,320			57,504
UTILITIES & AMBULANCE	6,423	143,042			1,200,000					1,850,000	6,008,800	9,072,412
NOTES/BONDS PAYABLE	(6,388)											430,249
DEPOSITS			220,000									220,000
TAN & BAN NOTES				1,210,000								1,210,000
PROJECTS AUTHORIZED NOT COMPLETED				5,685,000								5,685,000
ACCRUED LIABILITIES	78,450								(43,496)			34,954
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,831,274	143,042	220,000	6,895,000	1,204,668	0	0	0	390,073	1,850,000	6,008,800	21,442,857
FUND EQUITY:												
RESERVED FUND BALANCES												
UNRESERVED FUND BAL - SURPLUS	1,116,331	386,918	94,245		2,189,450	427,820	201,134	293,560		(1,175,152)		3,534,306
EXPENDITURES SPECIAL ARTICLES	1,597,013	96,570	130,511	(710,004)								1,114,090
STATE GRANTS		138,060										138,060
PRIVATE GRANTS		145,650										145,650
FEDERAL GRANTS		12020										12,020
RETAINED EARNINGS					8,131,468							8,131,468
TOTAL EQUITY	2,713,344	778,218	224,756	(710,004)	10,320,918	427,820	201,134	293,560	0	(1,175,152)	0	13,075,584
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	7,544,618	922,260	444,756	6,184,996	11,525,586	427,820	201,134	293,560	390,073	474,848	6,008,800	34,418,451

TOWN OF MIDDLETON
FUND EQUITY
ENDING 06/30/97

	FUND 01	FUND 28	FUND 30	FUND 31	FUND 62	FUND 82	FUND 84	FUND 85	SUBTOTAL	FUNDS 22/25	TOTAL
Encumbrances	802,074								802,074		802,074
Encumbrances Articles	313,882	94,245							408,127		408,127
Undesignated	1,626,926	130,511	(710,004)		6,342,709				7,390,142		7,390,142
Over/Under Assessments	2,890								2,890		2,890
Unprovided Abate/Exemptions	(32,803)								(32,803)		(32,803)
Petty Cash	375				500				875		875
Expenditures Special Article				(1,175,152)					(1,175,152)		(1,175,152)
Depreciation					1,712,378				1,712,378		1,712,378
Meter Fund					76,381				76,381		76,381
Rate Stabilization					2,188,950				2,188,950		2,188,950
Mansfield Fund						320,659			320,659		320,659
Fannie Etter Trust						55,284			55,284		55,284
David Cummings Trust						46,825			46,825		46,825
Almira Richardson						5,052			5,052		5,052
Unemployment							96,802		96,802		96,802
Scholarship							1,053		1,053		1,053
Cemetery Perp. Care							103,279		103,279		103,279
Stabilization								293,560	293,560		293,560
See Attached for 22/25										779,218	779,218
TOTAL	2,713,344	224,756	(710,004)	(1,175,152)	10,320,918	427,820	201,134	293,560	12,296,376	779,218	13,075,594

TOWN OF MIDDLETON
EQUITY ANALYSIS
FUNDS 22-25
ENDING 06/30/97

	FUND 22	FUND 23	FUND 24	FUND 25	TOTAL
Howe-Manning Child Care	-275				(275)
Preschool	180				180
School Cafeteria	2,447				2,447
Kindergarten Activities	1,100				1,100
Fire Alarm Construction	6,841				6,841
Landfill Fees	66,163				66,163
Safety Alarm Capital	15,454				15,454
School Pictures (561)	4,515				4,515
School Music	(3,584)				(3,584)
Cemetery sale of lots		57,470			57,470
Ambulance		329,448			329,448
Curr. Framework study			(227)		(227)
Early Childhood			621		621
Gov't Alliance Against Drugs			350		350
Math-in-service			(155)		(155)
ECIA Chapter 2			91		91
PL 94-142			1493		1,493
Title I low income			1556		1,556
COA				596	596
Flint Library				13,953	13,953
COA meals program				19,352	19,352
Ferncroft				111,748	111,748
Housing Partnership				9,634	9,634
DARE				2,388	2,388
FEMA				22,160	22,160
Title V				13,808	13,808
Police Community Action				1,532	1,532
Cops Fast				(3,146)	(3,146)
Hurricane Grant				18,962	18,962
COA Title 1+1				24,721	24,721
Library Grants				12,417	12,417
IMFRA Structure				47,605	47,605
TOTAL	92,841	386,918	3,729	295,730	779,218

TOWN OF MIDDLETON
SPECIAL REVENUE
ENDING 06/30/97

	Revolving 22	Reserved for Approp. 23	School Grants 24	Other Grants 25	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS:</u>					
Cash	92,841	240,520	3,729	64,077	401,167
Cash Investments		146,397		13,952	160,349
Accounts Receivable		143,043		116,748	259,791
Due from other governments				100,953	100,953
TOTAL ASSETS	92,841	529,960	3,729	295,730	922,260
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>					
Deferred Revenue		143,042			143,042
TOTAL LIABILITIES		143,042			143,042
<u>EQUITY:</u>					
Unreserved F/B	92,841		3,729		
Reserved Fund Balance		386,918			
Private Grant				145,650	145,650
Federal Grant				12,020	12,020
State Grant				138,060	138,060
TOTAL EQUITY	92,841	386,918	3,729	295,730	779,218
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	92,841	529,960	3,729	295,730	922,260

TAXES:

FEES AND CHARGES:STATE REVENUE:67

TOWN OF MIDDLETON
CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY
ENDING 06/30/97

	#1	#42	#23	#24	#25	#38	#57	#62	#69	#70	#84	TOTAL
	GENERAL FUND	REVOLVING FUND	RECEIPTS RESERVED	SCHOOL GRANTS	OTHER GRANTS	WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	ELECTRIC FUND	TRUST FUND	AGENCY FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUSTS	TOTAL
OTHER REVENUES:												
POLICE FINES	77,280											77,280
POLICE MISC	6,181											6,181
ACCOUNTANT	57,052											57,052
INTEREST EARNINGS	291,695											291,695
SUBTOTAL	432,208											432,208
REFUNDS & REIMBURSEMENTS:												
EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	16,452											16,452
HEALTH INSURANCE	51,086											51,086
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS:												
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	1,996,362											1,996,362
DUE TO OTHER GOVT	50,609											50,609
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	12,117,536											12,117,536
FUND 22 - REVOLVING FUND:												
FIRE ALARM CONSTRUCTION		9,000										9,000
SCHOOL LUNCH		108,566										108,566
PRESCHOOL		100,198										100,198
SCHOOL MUSIC		14,755										14,755
SCHOOL PICTURES		16,689										16,689
CHILDCARE		29,275										29,275
KINDERGARTEN		1,100										1,100
FUND 23 - REVENUE RESERVED:												
AMBULANCE FEES			72,670									72,670
SALES OF LOTS & GRAVES			3,540									3,540
FUND 24 - SCHOOL GRANTS:												
CURR FRAMEWORK STUDY				3,000								3,000
CHAPTER 2				1,014								1,014
PL 94-142				36,515								36,515
TITLE I				46,045								46,045
EARLY CHILDHOOD				10,228								10,228
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL ED				11,760								11,760
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR				8,338								8,338
GOVERNOR'S ALLIANCE AGAINST DRUGS												
MATH IN SERVICE				4,215								4,215

**TOWN OF MIDDLETON
CASH RECEIPTS SUMMARY
ENDING 06/30/97**

#1	#22	#23	#24	#25	#35	#62	#62	#69	#90	#94	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND	REVOLVING FUND	RECEIPTS RESERVED	SCHOOL GRANTS	OTHER GRANTS	WATER SPECIAL RESERVE	ELECTRIC FUND	TRUST FUND	AGENCY FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUSTS	

FUND 25 - OTHER GRANTS:

COUNCIL ON AGING	9,892										9,892
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	5,000										5,000
DARE PROGRAM	6,000										6,000
ARTS COUNCIL	3,150										3,150
COPS FAST	23,232										23,232
FEMA BLIZZARD	35,075										35,075
COA FORMULA	3,038										3,038
TITLE III B	7,099										7,099
COA MISCELLANEOUS	427										427
LIBRARY	4,837										4,837
POLICE VESTS	9,790										9,790
RTE 62 CONSTRUCTION	12,500										12,500
TITLE V	18,000										18,000
COMMUNITY POLICE	4,500										4,500
POLICE BLOCK GRANT	749										749
CHAPTER 90	176,592										176,592
					62,614						62,614

FUND 28 - WATER:

WATER LINE PERMITS											62,614
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FUND 30 CAPITAL PROJECTS

RECEIPTS - B.A.N.									3,080,000		3,080,000
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FUND 62 - ELECTRIC:

SALE OF POWER	8,101,295										8,101,295
MISC. CHARGES	271,970										271,970
PRODUCTION	182,603										182,603
M&O	4,212										4,212

FUND 82 - TRUSTS

INTEREST							8,697				8,697
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FUND 84 TRUSTS

SCHOLARSHIPS										989	989
PERPETUAL CARE										1,000	1,000

FUND 89 - AGENCY:

FISH & GAME	4,686										4,686
ADD PERC TEST	1,980										1,980
GUARANTEE DEPOSITS	23,060										23,060
POLICE DETAILS	96,109										96,109
WATER LIENS	2,445										2,445

TOTAL

\$12,117,536	\$279,583	\$76,210	\$121,115	\$319,881	\$62,614	\$8,560,080	\$8,697	\$128,280	\$3,080,000	\$1,989	\$12,638,449
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GRAND TOTAL

\$24,755,985

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1997

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		100			100
114	TOWN MODERATOR		100			100
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		95,023	2,524	97,598	-51
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		17,050		13,410	3,640
5400	SUPPLIES		1,400		1,395	5
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	5,923	31,330		34,233	3,020
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	34,947			17,773	17,174
122	SELECTMEN	40,870	144,803	2,524	164,409	23,788
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		900	407	1,307	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		115		115	
5400	SUPPLIES		100		100	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		40,150	-20,785	135	19,230
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE		41,265	-20,378	1,657	19,230
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	238	48,565	2,181	50,984	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,270		2,020	250
5400	SUPPLIES		600		51	549
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		225		225	
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	140	150		280	10
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	378	51,810	2,181	53,560	809
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		73,071	2,267	63,195	12,143
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	4,850	8,060	10,250	19,790	3,370
5400	SUPPLIES		1,350		1,327	23
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		2,300		610	1,690
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
141	ASSESSORS	4,850	84,781	12,517	84,922	17,226
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		83,582	6,197	89,779	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	22,761	12,300		28,084	6,977
5400	SUPPLIES		2,750		2,606	144
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	6,500	425		3,396	3,529
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		700		695	5
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	29,261	99,757	6,197	124,560	10,655
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		1,500		1,500	
146	CUST. OF TOWN LANDS		1,500		1,500	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		11,500	345	11,845	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		8,500		8,500	
151	TOWN COUNSEL		20,000	345	20,345	
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		600	16	616	
5400	SUPPLIES		80			80
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		20			20
152	PERSONNEL BOARD		700	16	616	100

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		39,519	2,273	41,792	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,200		1,784	416
5400	SUPPLIES		850		811	39
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		400		355	45
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		11,500		8,847	2,653
161	TOWN CLERK		54,469	2,273	53,589	3,153
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		7,665		7,665	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		4,775		3,749	1,026
5400	SUPPLIES		550		468	82
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
162	ELECTIONS		12,990		11,882	1,108
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		3,300	95	2,808	587
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		5,900		5,838	62
5400	SUPPLIES		200		200	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		450		450	
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION		9,850	95	9,296	649
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		8,980	483	9,463	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,350		2,160	190
5400	SUPPLIES		500		478	22
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		915		820	95
175	PLANNING BOARD		12,745	483	12,921	307
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		6,725	97	6,822	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,800	220	2,933	87
5400	SUPPLIES		200		228	-28
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		60		60	
176	BOARD OF APPEALS		9,785	317	10,043	59
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		100			100
181	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMIS.		100			100
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	2,310	4,600		5,434	1,476
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,634	25,950		25,521	3,063
5400	SUPPLIES		6,100		6,049	51
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		600			600
192	TOWN BUILDING	4,944	37,250		37,004	5,190
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	947	11,500	1,274	13,720	1
195	TOWN REPORT	947	11,500	1,274	13,720	1
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,040	11,000		10,900	1,140
196	AUDIT	1,040	11,000		10,900	1,140
5400	SUPPLIES		350		117	233
197	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS		350		117	233
5400	SUPPLIES		50,000		49,807	193
199	STREET LIGHTS		50,000		49,807	193
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5400	SUPPLIES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		10,000			10,000
420	DPW - ADMINISTRATION		10,000			10,000
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	82,290	664,755	7,844	660,848	94,041

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
PUBLIC SAFETY						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		561,917	19,184	532,431	48,670
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,785	50,033		46,140	5,678
5400	SUPPLIES		19,375		17,558	1,817
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		16,960		15,006	1,954
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	29,534	29,500		41,651	17,383
210	POLICE	31,319	677,785	19,184	652,786	75,502
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	926	566,454	21,584	581,161	7,803
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		31,000	12,500	43,174	326
5400	SUPPLIES		22,200	8,500	22,097	8,603
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		3,550		3,464	86
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,500	16,500	47,000	49,036	15,964
220	FIRE	2,426	639,704	89,584	698,932	32,782
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		67,607	4,691	71,509	789
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,439		2,310	129
5400	SUPPLIES		500		443	57
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		6,373		6,323	50
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		850		756	94
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR		77,769	4,691	81,341	1,119
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		100			100
291	CIVIL DEFENSE		100			100
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		11,196	336	11,532	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		4,000		4,000	
5400	SUPPLIES		725		724	1
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		1,800		1,799	1
292	ANIMAL CONTROL		17,721	336	18,055	2
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		100		100	
296	CONSTABLE		100		100	
200	PUBLIC SAFETY	33,745	1,413,179	113,795	1,451,214	109,505

EDUCATION						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	100,000			100,000	
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL		136,821		135,279	1,542
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,147	53,220		55,549	-182
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	102,147	190,041		290,828	1,360
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL		1,958,757		1,958,757	
302	MASCONOMET		1,958,757		1,958,757	
110	SCHOOL COMMITTEE		14,220		13,177	1,043
120	SUPT. OFFICE		102,594		97,449	5,145
351	1000 SERIES-SCHOOL COMMITTEE		116,814		110,626	6,188
210	SUPERVISION		30,793		30,238	555
220	PRINCIPALS		138,936		133,077	5,859
230	TEACHING		1,594,222		1,571,444	22,778
235	TEACHING PROF. DEVELOPMENT		17,000		19,915	-2,915
240	TEXTBOOKS		9,125		7,679	1,446
250	LIBRARY		23,133		22,674	459
260	AUDIO VISUAL		2,350		2,437	-87
270	TESTING		3,000		2,948	52
280	PSYCHE SERVICES		4,700		4,148	552
920	O.O.D. TUITION THERAPY SERVICES		129,503		151,995	-22,492
352	2000 SERIES: REG. DAY-TEACHING		1,952,762		1,946,555	6,207

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
320	HEALTH SERVICES		35,497		42,079	-6,582
330	TRANSPORTATION		175,069		156,489	18,580
340	CAFETERIA				15,515	-15,515
353	3000 SERIES: REG. DAY-HEALTH SERVICES		210,566		214,083	-3,517
411	CUSTODIAL SERVICES		79,403		81,002	-1,599
412	HEATING		29,750		48,397	-18,647
413	UTILITIES		31,513		42,910	-11,397
421	MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS		800			800
422	MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS		26,500		7,280	19,220
423	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT		17,495		21,099	-3,604
354	4000 SERIES: CUSTODIAL SERVICES		185,461		200,688	-15,227
520	INSURANCE		175,000		167,894	7,106
355	5000 SERIES: INSURANCE		175,000		167,894	7,106
300	EDUCATION	102,147	4,789,401		4,889,431	2,117
PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		360,919	13,503	343,966	30,456
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	3,151	79,750		63,165	19,736
5400	SUPPLIES	24,801	133,150		107,594	50,357
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		25,300		24,417	883
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	168,792	80,000	102,098	94,838	256,052
400	PUBLIC WORKS & FACIL.	196,744	679,119	115,601	633,980	357,484
HUMAN SERVICES						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		69,030	2,989	68,700	3,319
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	2,327	14,600		14,380	2,547
5400	SUPPLIES		900		841	59
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	99,475	158,150		252,319	5,306
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH	101,802	242,680	2,989	336,240	11,231
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		47,570	1,403	47,055	1,918
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		4,260		1,707	2,553
5400	SUPPLIES		1,920		2,005	-85
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		3,400		3,378	22
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,200	1,200		1,434	966
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	1,200	58,350	1,403	55,579	5,374
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		6,713	201	6,914	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		105		64	41
5400	SUPPLIES		170		52	118
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		6,550		763	5,787
543	VETERANS AGENT		13,538	201	7,793	5,946
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		11,141		11,141	
545	SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY FUNDING		11,141		11,141	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		1,000		1,000	
546	ABUSED WOMEN		1,000		1,000	
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		1,500		1,177	323
548	GARDEN CLUB		1,500		1,177	323
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		2,500		790	1,710
549	LOCAL CABLE		2,500		790	1,710
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		500			500
550	NO SHORE TRANSPORTATION FORCE		500			500
500	HUMAN SERVICES	103,002	331,209	4,593	413,720	25,084

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
CULTURE & RECREATION						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		120,315	9,369	117,436	12,248
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		15,180		15,152	28
5400	SUPPLIES		42,600		42,600	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		800		799	1
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	315	14,000	2,600	6,785	10,130
610	LIBRARY	315	192,895	11,969	182,772	22,407
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	768	4,892	146	4,189	1,617
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		5,850		3,597	2,253
5400	SUPPLIES		750		801	-51
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1,680	4,800	953	5,375	2,058
630	RECREATION COMMISSION	2,448	16,292	1,099	13,962	5,877
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES	289	300			589
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	289	300			589
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES		3,000		2,641	359
692	MEMORIAL DAY		3,000		2,641	359
600	CULTURE & RECREATION	3,052	212,487	13,068	199,375	29,232
DEBT SERVICE						
5900	DEBT SERVICE		625,854		797,161	-171,307
710	DEBT SERVICE		625,854		797,161	-171,307
5900	DEBT SERVICE					
750	INTEREST					
700	DEBT SERVICE TOTALS		625,854		797,161	-171,307
INTERGOVERNMENTAL						
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				8,613	-8,613
820	STATE ASSESS. & CHARGES				8,613	-8,613
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				45,836	-45,836
830	COUNTY ASSESS. & CHARGES				45,836	-45,836
5600	INTERGOVERNMENTAL				118,688	-118,688
840	OTHER ASSESS. & CHARGES				118,688	-118,688
800	INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXP.				173,137	-173,137

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
MISCELLANEOUS						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		244,000		243,145	855
911	RETIREMENT		244,000		243,145	855
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		7,000		219	6,781
913	UNEMPLOYMENT		7,000		219	6,781
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	35,000	169,000	2,466	156,060	50,406
914	HEALTH INSURANCE	35,000	169,000	2,466	156,060	50,406
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		3,500		546	2,954
915	LIFE INSURANCE		3,500		546	2,954
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		26,000	1,168	19,079	8,089
916	MEDICARE/DEP TAX		26,000	1,168	19,079	8,089
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	35,000	106,000		24,706	116,294
945	LIABILITY INSURANCE	35,000	106,000		24,706	116,294
900	MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL	70,000	555,500	3,634	443,755	185,379
REFUNDS						
1210	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES				229	-229
1220	REAL ESTATE TAXES				378,241	-378,241
1260	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				7,321	-7,321
971	TAX REFUNDS				385,791	-385,791
970	REFUNDS TOTAL				385,791	-385,791
2100	PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS				1,996,275	-1,996,275
981	PAYROLL WITHHOLDING TURNOVERS				1,996,275	-1,996,275
2400	DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS				71,521	-71,521
2580	OTHER LIABILITIES				139	
2700	NOTES PAYABLE					
3590	UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE				2,044,228	-2,044,228
3900	FUND BALANCE ACTUAL				1,375	-1,375
4980	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS				100,000	-100,000
983	OTHER ITEMS				2,217,264	-2,217,264
2580	OTHER LIABILITIES				53,536	-53,536
984	BALANCE SHEET RECEIPTS				53,536	-53,536
980	BALANCE SHEET ITEMS				4,267,075	-4,267,075
1	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	590,980	9,271,504	258,535	14,315,487	-4,194,468

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
REVOLVING FUNDS						
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				17,456	-17,456
221	FIRE ALARM INSTALLATIONS				17,456	-17,456
200	PUBLIC SAFETY				17,456	-17,456
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				58,625	-58,625
5400	SUPPLIES				55,928	-55,928
303	SCHOOL LUNCH				114,553	-114,553
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				108,371	-108,371
5400	SUPPLIES					
306	PRE SCHOOL PROGRAM				108,371	-108,371
5400	SUPPLIES				33,870	-33,870
307	HOWE-MANNING REVOLVING A/C				33,870	-33,870
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				23,534	-23,534
5400	SUPPLIES				2,549	-2,549
308	HOWE MANNING CHILD CARE				26,083	-26,083
300	EDUCATION				282,877	-282,877
22	REVOLVING FUNDS TOTAL				300,333	-300,333

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP.

5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES				1,856	-1,856
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
220	FIRE				1,856	-1,856
200	PUBLIC SAFETY				1,856	-1,856
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
492	LOTS AND GRAVES					
400	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES					
23	RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROP TOTAL				1,856	-1,856

SCHOOL GRANTS

5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				4,845	-4,845
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				4,845	-4,845
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				923	-923
5400	SUPPLIES					
316	CHAP. 11 ECIA PL97-35				923	-923
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
317	PROF. DEVELOPMENT					
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				34,688	-34,688
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				2,166	-2,166
5400	SUPPLIES					
321	PL 94-142				36,854	-36,854
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				46,462	-46,462
5400	SUPPLIES					
322	TITLE 1 LOW INCOME				46,462	-46,462

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5400	SUPPLIES					
323	PER PUPIL ED. AID					
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5400	SUPPLIES				9,756	-9,756
327	CH 188 EARLY CHLDHD GRANT				9,756	-9,756
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
328	SPED EARLY CHLDHD COORD					
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				8,900	-8,900
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES					
329	GOV. ALLIANCE AGNT DRUGS				8,900	-8,900
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				4,370	-4,370
333	MATH IN SERVICE TRAINING				4,370	-4,370
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
334	LANG. LEARNING DISABLED CHILD					
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				11,759	-11,759
339	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR				11,759	-11,759
300	EDUCATION				123,869	-123,869
24	SCHOOL GRANTS TOTAL				123,869	-123,869
OTHER GRANTS						
4540	FEDERAL REVENUE - DIRECT				1,048	-1,048
5400	SUPPLIES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				4,101	-4,101
122	SELECTMEN				5,149	-5,149
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				3,150	-3,150
136	ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL				3,150	-3,150
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				8,299	-8,299
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES			25,000	46,753	-21,753
5400	SUPPLIES				2,549	-2,549
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				1,875	-1,875
210	POLICE			25,000	51,177	-26,177
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
220	FIRE					
200	PUBLIC SAFETY			25,000	51,177	-26,177
300	EDUCATION					
5400	SUPPLIES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY		186,425		95,403	91,022
420	DPW-ADMINISTRATION		186,425		95,403	91,022
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
451	WATER DEPARTMENT					
400	PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES		186,425		95,403	91,022
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES					
5700	OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES				210	-210

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY				3,982	-3,982
511	BOARD OF HEALTH				4,192	-4,192
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				3,038	-3,038
541	COUNCIL ON AGING				3,038	-3,038
500	HUMAN SERVICES				7,230	-7,230
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
610	LIBRARY					
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				43	-43
613	LIBRARY MEG/LIG GRANTS				43	-43
600	CULTURE AND RECREATION				43	-43
OTHER GRANTS TOTAL			186,425	25,000	162,152	49,273

WATER SPECIAL REVENUE

5100	PERSONAL SERVICES		29,000		24,942	4,058
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES		750		160	590
5400	SUPPLIES	41,328	95,000	-69,536	25,672	41,120
5700	OTHERS CHARGES & EXPENSES		500		366	134
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	236,000			184,655	51,345
5900	DEBT SERVICE		27,738		11,439	16,299
451	WATER DEPARTMENT	277,328	152,988	-69,536	247,234	113,546
400	PUBLIC WORKS AND FACIL.	277,328	152,988	-69,536	247,234	113,546
28	WATER SPECIAL REVENUE TOTAL	277,328	152,988	-69,536	247,234	113,546

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

5900	DEBT SERVICE					
122	SELECTMEN					
49	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY			79,500	4,179,968	-4,100,468
301	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			79,500	4,179,968	-4,100,468
300	EDUCATION			79,500	4,179,968	-4,100,468
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH					
500	HUMAN SERVICES					
30	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TOTAL			79,500	4,179,968	-4,100,468
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY			1,650,000	1,175,152	474,848
122	SELECTMEN			1,650,000	1,175,152	474,848
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			1,650,000	1,175,152	474,848
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY	346,206			346,206	
511	BOARD OF HEALTH	346,206			346,206	
500	HUMAN SERVICES	346,206			346,206	
31	CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS TOTAL	346,206		1,650,000	1,521,358	474,848

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	CARRY FORWARD	ORIG. BUDGET	NET TRANSFERS	Y-T-D EXPENDED	ACCOUNT BALANCE
ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT						
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES				601,225	-601,225
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				6,295,088	-6,295,088
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES			-124,510	1,628,499	-1,753,009
5800	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
5900	DEBT SERVICE				140,475	-140,475
62	ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT TOTAL			-124,510	8,665,287	-8,789,797
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND						
5200	PURCHASE OF SERVICES				2,663	-2,663
631	MANSFIELD CHARITY FUND				2,663	-2,663
600	CULTURE AND RECREATION				2,663	-2,663
82	NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND TOTAL				2,663	-2,663
AGENCY FUND						
4840	OTHER MISC. REVENUE				4,173	-4,173
161	TOWN CLERK				4,173	-4,173
2550	GUARANTEE DEPOSITS				33,710	-33,710
175	PLANNING BOARD				33,710	-33,710
2550	GUARANTEE DEPOSITS					
511	BOARD OF HEALTH					
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				37,883	-37,883
2580	OTHER LIABILITIES				93,578	-93,578
982	OUTSIDE DETAIL TURNSOVERS				93,578	-93,578
1331	WATER LIENS					
2400	DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS				13,092	-13,092
983	OTHER ITEMS				13,092	-13,092
980	BALANCE SHEET ITEMS				106,670	-106,670
89	AGENCY FUNDS TOTAL				144,553	-144,553
TOWN TOTAL						
		1,214,514	9,610,917	1,818,989	29,664,760	-17,020,340

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

COLLECTIONS

Tax collections by the Collector/Treasurer's office were \$8,015,792. This represents a 9% increase in collections over the previous year.



Real Estate taxes are the major source of revenue with \$7,353,346 being committed for collection for FY97. Actual collections after refunds and abatements totaled \$7,016,869. As of June 30, a balance of \$307,444 remained unpaid or 4.2% of the total levy.

The remainder of collections for outstanding taxes for previous years was \$969,889 as follows:

1997 Personal Property	\$147,733
1997 Excise	359,704
1996 Real Estate	254,507

Collections prior to 1997:

Personal Property	8,208
Excise	164,121
Water Liens	18,812
Electric Liens	1,154
Fees	15,650

Interest collected from overdue accounts was \$34,245 and an additional \$3,180 from Registry of Motor Vehicle charges on non-renewal excise taxes.

We continue to monitor delinquent accounts very closely. This is evident by the number of non-renewal excise bills collected – 159 bills totaling \$13,386. The Registry's non-renewal program is an extremely effective tool of collection as it prevents the taxpayer from renewal of their license and/or registration

until all outstanding tax bills are paid. The reason for the success of this program is that it can be accessed in any state to prevent the issuing of a new license or existing registration from that state as well as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SCHOLARSHIP

We are also very happy to state that the scholarship contributions of \$989 was the highest on record. Thank you to all who contributed.

TAX TITLE

As of June 30 we placed thirteen new parcels into our Tax Title program totaling \$6,669 and certified existing Tax Title accounts for 1997 of \$56,145. The balance as of June 30, 1997 in our Tax Title portfolio is fifty-one parcels totaling \$307,800 plus liens of \$3,097. Six parcels remain in Chapter 41A deferral in the amount of \$55,349. Twenty-eight parcels have been submitted to Land Court for final foreclosure. As in the past, new parcels are submitted each year in hopes of obtaining possession or full payment.

We recently purchased a software program for maintaining the Tax Title portfolio, eliminating the old paper system. We have demonstrated this highly advanced program to several communities on the ease of recalling of information and required reporting and are very pleased with the results of the program.



COMPUTERIZED PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Looking ahead, we will be implementing a new cash reporting and tracking system. This system will produce the tracking of all incoming cash to the Town and will expedite

reporting to the Town Accountant and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Also being added is a personnel system to improve the efficiency of reporting payroll to the State and Federal Governments. The system allows for tracking of salaries, sick time, vacations, and all other pertinent data required by a human resource department. With the requirements set forth by the Federal Government and State Government for maintenance of payroll, health benefits, deferrals and retirement benefits. We will now be in compliance with these recommendations and be able to provide valuable data on employees to the Board of Selectmen and all department heads for personnel issues.

Other vital information:

Cash and investment balance to the General Ledger as of June 30, 1997 \$10,357,599

Interest earned \$291,695.

Collection on Tax Title accounts as of June 30, 1997 \$37,797.

Stabilization funds as of June 30, 1997 \$293,561.

The following is a list of all town employees and their earnings for the calendar year ending December 31, 1997:

Employee Payroll

Abbott, Jr.	Donald L.	1,303
Ajootian	Richard O.	2,652
Aldenberg	Robert	69,150
Aloisio	Jane F.	44
Amero	Mary Anne	50,987
Anderson	Aniela E.	2,785
Anderson	Dian A.	124
Anzalone	Eugene A.	4,648
Arathuzik	David E.	23,938
Archung	Christine M.	655
Archung	Keith T.	100
Armitage	Paul	62,173
Ashley	Irene J.	4,969
Avery	Nancy A.	2,598
Bakoian	Eileen	434
Barber	Jeffrey	19,938
Bastable	Alison	3,516
Bastable	James	1,303
Beauparlant	H. Peter	4,062
Beauparlant	Tara C.	425
Begin	Stacey	31,803
Belgiorno	Stephen P.	51,317
Bellaire	Nicole M.	48
Bertino	Anthony G.	32,877
Besen	Lisa A.	14,773
Bilicki	Janet M.	8,540
Blaus	Eduards E.	308
Boardman	Myrtle	124
Bouchard	Andrew	7,196
Bouchard	Henry	78,664
Bremberg	Donald E.	3,392
Bridges	Judith F.	50
Brochu	Kathryn G.	16,871
Brockelbank	Roger S.	1,350
Brooks	Anne M.	500
Brunaccini	Kathleen	10,562
Buckley	Francine	38
Cameron	David D.	270
Cameron	Debra	32,360
Carbone	Deborah J.	313
Carpenter	Ronald S.	84,201
Carter	Aimee L.	12,213
Cashman	Shirley	26,870
Cashman	William F.	12,220
Cerullo	Mary Ellen	1,938
Charlton	Vickie A.	11,130
Christianson	Christina A.	9,120
Christopher	Eric	13,465
Ciampa	Kathy M.	2,818
Cleveland	Tracy N.	14,299
Clinch III	Charles	12,522
Clinch IV	Charles	48,436
Clough	Craig W.	10,011
Clough	William	18,435
Cloutier	Michael J.	43,041

Coburn	Laura A.	101
Colby	Jeannette	1,014
Colosi	Joanne M.	2,480
Connelly	Joseph J.	25,473
Connery	Deborah A.	264
Corey	William	68,795
Cormier	Leo	42,956
Cornell	Linda M.	95
Correia	Manuel F.	11,195
Corso	Lisa M.	185
Costas	Susan F.	22,160
Costigan	Charles	6,966
Couture	Ann M.	9,678
Couture	Edward	32,086
Creeden	Bernard F.	21,225
Crosbie	Timothy H.	878
Crounse	Janice A.	5,448
Cunningham	John A.	1,164
Cunnningham	Kristeen Y.	655
Currier	Carolyn	213
Currier	Robert A.	53,992
D'Alesio	Anne Marie	243
Dalton	Pamela	2,086
Daniels	Anne Farrell	16,353
Davie	Theresa	32,645
Davis	Mary P.	4,564
Dealy	Ruth O.	44,869
Debaggis	Nancy M.	200
DeCosta	James	45,621
Deeley	Barbara	37,885
Deleire	Jane M.	50
Dellea	Cindy	9,371
Diamond	Karen	75
Dierze	Elizabeth L.	165
DiGianvittorio	James	59,331
DiPietro	Douglas A.	685
Ditto	Jane	52,817
Divaio	Kathleen M.	225
Donovan	Douglas H.	5,363
Doogan	Margaret A.	216
Dow, Sr.	George E.	64
Doyle	Deborah S.	150
Driscoll	Catherine	50,017
Drysdale	Roger E.	600
Dupont	Cynthia A.	11,044
Durham	Stephen H.	1,600
Ellert	Lucinda J.	2,375
Enos	Susan A.	4,393
Famolare	Cynthia A.	857
Farley	George	7,015
Farley	Gwen E.	2,649
Farley	Mary	12,146
Ferreira	Leonard J.	61,518
Fisher	Denise M.	3,395
Fitzpatrick	Michelle M.	65,547
Fitzpatrick	Terry Ann	6,008

Flynn	Catherine	655
Flynn	Lesley A.	126
Flynn	Patti A.	9,011
Focks	Cynthia	2,258
Foley	Judy	47,067
Fontaine	Violet	75
Forrest	Debra	192
Francis	Peter B.	7,617
Frazier	Rachel	2,905
Freedman	Helen L.	26,692
Fuller	Jennifer	39,992
Gallagher	Christine M.	26,980
Gallerie	Judy	25,952
Galvin	Barry J.	1,191
Garber	Joan	18,326
Gardner	Karen L.	12,811
Gauthier	Bessilia A.	89
Geisler	Deborah M.	300
Gentile	Louis R.	8,640
George	Sarah B.	31,715
Gerrior	Karen	1,335
Gettings	Patricia	3,854
Gibbons	Kenneth J.	48,324
Gilardi	Jennifer	18,021
Gillespie	Cheryl L.	38,005
Glavin	Maureen	488
Gould	Ricky	34,536
Grady	Ruth	200
Grant	Dawn M.	74
Gravallese	Muriel V.	29,617
Gray	William F.	7,741
Green	Diane	93
Guglielmi	Anthony	5,357
Guthrie	Carol A.	9,163
Haines	Patricia R.	14,157
Haley	Gayle F.	45,270
Halsey	Susan H.	7,552
Hamilton	Mary	34
Hamilton	Paula L.	4,811
Hannon	Deborah	162
Hannon	James	9,701
Hawkes	Dina A.	18,068
Heckman	Elizabeth	11,705
Hekimian	Diane	47,242
Hobey	Kelly A.	32,360
Hocter	Faith S.	75
Hocter	Lorayne	45
Hocter	Mary	1,335
Hoffman	Cindy	895
Holmes	Tracy B.	3,924
Hooper	James G.	1,805
Horne	Jarrod N.	1,732
Horvath	Robert B.	620
Hosman	James G.	799
Huapaya	Carolyn M.	297
Hudson	Kristin K.	103

Hull	Greg	21,969
Hurter	Lisa N.	4,858
Husson	Kevin M.	30,477
Huston	Chrisopher J.	826
Inglis	Grace I.	445
Inglis	A. Stephen	802
Innis	Donna	32,410
Jackson	Garry	6,648
Johnson	Claudia	22,227
Jones	Alfred	3,703
Jones	John	54,784
Jones	Nancy	6,172
Kallock	Maria A.	14
Karolides	Nancy	1,335
Kassiotis	Richard	2,450
Kassiotis, Jr.	Richard W.	8,559
Keane	Linda M.	50
Kelley	James	3,269
Kelley	William E.	13,642
Kelly	Mark T.	59,977
Kennedy	Louise	42,535
Kilroy	Paul G.	62,998
King	Louise	52,817
Kolodziej	Suzanne M.	140
Kunz	Arlene	67
Labastie	Sharon A.	3,820
L'Abbe	Jeffrey T.	3,888
Lake	Robert W.	9,077
Langis	Sally	112
Lawrence	Tammy A.	653
Leary	David	71,469
Leary	Florence M.	27,852
LeClerc	Catherine D.	3,370
LeColst	Douglas K.	13,513
LeColst	Kenneth S.	42,400
Lemoine	Tara A.	2,121
Lenehan	Beverly J.	1,587
Lennon	Diane	10,285
Lenzie	A. David	850
Lenzie	Jacqueline	31,013
Lishner	Sheila A.	3,851
Lord, Jr.	Stuart H.	354
Lordan	Jeanne	34,367
Lordan	Megan M.	964
Lougee	George A.	6,603
Lucey	Sandi	246
Lueke	Maureen P.	6,469
MacCarthy	Susan M.	2,257
Macleod	Patricia L.	289
Magnifico	Justin A.	5,689
Mahajan	Linda P.	402
Mals	Michele M.	9,277
Marques	Gary W.	12,583
Marshall	Dale	24,427
Marshall	James E.	8,468
Martinuk	Thomas	15,054

Masi	Sandra J.	16,650
Masse	Jason J.	1,884
Mathews	Douglas H.	600
Matthews	Shirley	19,698
Matvichuk	Patricia C.	101
McGuire	William F.	2,697
McCarthy	Faith J.	5,889
McCarthy	Ryan	2,601
McCormack	Lily G.	29,175
McGann	Kevin J.	6,045
McParland	Nancy Ann	29,864
McParland	Thomas M.	14,733
Melancon	Cynthia J.	36,912
Mendes	Richard A.	5,535
Michalski	Laura P.	27
Michalski, Jr.	Henry	60,096
Miller	Carlotta S.	52,917
Miller	James	5,813
Moline	Pamela J.	19,478
Mollica	Laurie A.	6,092
Montani	Ann M.	22,521
Morin	Kimberly A.	27,617
Morin, Sr.	Ernest V.	31,827
Morrin	Mary Jane	716
Mortalo	Maria	964
Mortalo	Maureen	1,552
Mugford	William	36,575
Muise	James A.	3,826
Mulholland	Heidi L.	29
Mulligan	Eileen	29,773
Murphy	Robert	45,076
Murphy	Shirley	13,425
Musto	Randy	144
Napieracz	Beverly	52,817
Nash	Melanie J.	192
Nash	Richard F.	16,855
Neal	Priscilla C.	1,235
Newhall	Andrea	29,190
Newhall	Charles W.	40,561
Newhall	Karen L.	6,963
Newman	Katherine C.	92
Nicholls	Gail S.	463
Norris	Julie S.	33,075
Novakowski	Frances J.	1,317
O'Brien	Beth A.	4,435
O'Brien	Stephen R.	10,795
O'Connell	Timothy	51,696
O'Connor	Jeralyn	43,810
O'Connor	John J.	8,904
O'Dowd	Jeanne A.	11,149
Ogden	David B.	75,575
Ohlson	Patricia	2,000
O'Leary	Cheryl A.	4,265
Olmsted	Susan A.	24,917
O'Neil	William	53,776
Osgood	Glenn S.	31,060

Pascucci	Arete H.	12
Pazar	Janet A.	264
Pazdziorny	Deborah B.	1,841
Peachey	Betty M.	116
Peachey, Jr.	Robert T.	59,073
Peachey, Sr.	Robert T.	46,700
Pecci	Meredith E.	11,270
Pelletier	Albert G.	6,471
Pelletier	Marie G.	36,138
Pelletier	Patricia H.	16,083
Pelrine	Mary	50,430
Pierce	Frances B.	44,555
Piraino	Deborah	800
Poirier	Jeanne	51,267
Pollock	Sandra A.	7,485
Porter	Ellen B.	1,041
Prentakis	Konstantinos E.	625
Pride	Matthew W.	57,045
Putnam	Barbara A.	28,967
Reardon	Christopher J.	2,587
Repucci	Linda M.	5,645
Rezza	John F.	31,231
Richards	Lynda	25
Richardson	Ann	6,533
Riley	Janet	48,090
Robinson	Craig	2,875
Rodham	Karen	38
Rogers	Jane V.	16,208
Rollins	Kenneth D.	57,701
Rosenthal	Judith	2,167
Roy	Dennis R.	54,953
Rubchinuk	Sandra M.	30,910
Ruegger	Kimberly V.	100
Salvo	Laurie J.	407
SantaMaria	David P.	4,092
Saulnier	Raymond L.	19,067
Saulnier	Scott	35,548
Segal	Jerome A.	12,023
Shininger	Deanne	42,626
Shipley	Charlotte M.	4,791
Silva	Cheryl	37,062
Singer	Ira S.	61,287
Siniscal	Mary Ann	281
Skinner	Thomas E.	750
Skory	Steven A.	19,484
Sliney	Brant M.	2,876
Smith	William	6,545
Snavely	Lindsey D.	4,364
Snow	David L.	516
Sooaar	Susan A.	1,306
Sopper	Kimberly D.	7,626
Soriano	Cheryl L.	63
Standring	Sheila	52,817
Stevens	Barry T.	59,750
Stickney	Kris Anne	828

Sweeney	Tynne R.	14,429
Swift	Marcia	4,373
Talbot	Joyce G.	500
Teal	Kathryn G.	1,938
Thibault	Diane	70
Thompson	Carolyn Sue	4,099
Thurbert	Nancy L.	4,439
Tierney	Alice P.	19,272
Tonello	Lorraine R.H.	14,186
Tragert	Henry A.	100
Turner	Meredith	21,364
Twiss	Frank	61,789
Twombly	Carol	9,038
Valacer	Gimmie S	300
Valcourt	Antonette	6,848
Vrees-White	Christine Z.	14
Warner	Dennis J.	2,387
Warnock	Christina K.	184
Watson	Marion C.	1,764
Webb	Cheri L.	6,083
Wells	Cecily	71
Wheatley	Janet C.	112
White	Carolyn	39,767
Wiberg	Cheryl M.	599
Williamson	Joyce	50,312
Wilson	Ellen C.	12
Wojciechowski	Christine S.	10,399
Woodbury, Jr.	Paul F.	900

Respectfully,

Charles W. Newhall,
Treasurer/Collector of Taxes



BOARD OF ASSESSORS

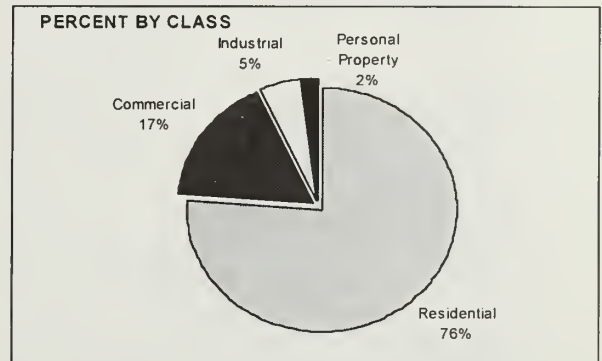
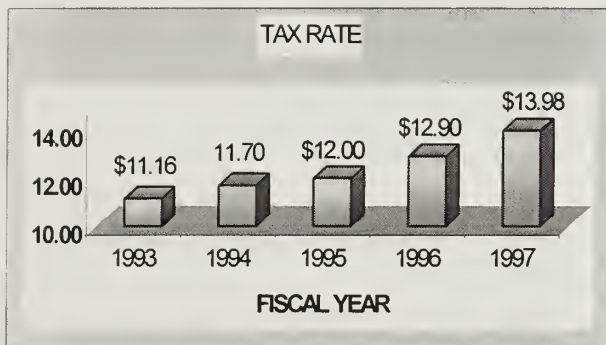
Fiscal Year 1997 (July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997) was a transitional but, productive year for the Assessing Office. The department was able to complete several outstanding projects including a data quality study of both residential and commercial properties. Also, the department has begun the process for purchasing and converting the "in-house" appraisal system to include a more detailed and well-supported software package.

During Fiscal 1998, the Assessing Department will continue to maintain the quality of data as it pertains to current assessments determined in the Fiscal 1996 revaluation. Current statute requires each community in the Commonwealth to complete a tri-annual revaluation of all property.

The next revaluation for the Town of Middleton will be completed for Fiscal 1999 (July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999).

At the Annual Elections in May, Kosta Prentakis was elected to the Board of Assessors to complete a two year term and Deborah Carbone was elected for a three year term. Mr. Prentakis and Mrs. Carbone come to the Board of Assessors with real estate and valuation experience.

The tax rate for Fiscal Year 1997 was \$13.98 (per thousand dollars of value) for all classes of property: residential, commercial, industrial and personal. The following is a five year recap of tax related information and a summary, by class, of the Fiscal 1997 valuation and tax levy.



FY	VALUE REAL & PERSONAL	TAX RATE	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	CASH RECEIPTS	TAX LEVY
1993	482,486,191	11.16	7,072,726	2,237,202	5,384,546
1994	492,689,169	11.70	7,125,632	2,030,093	5,764,463
1995	520,869,973	12.00	8,189,058	2,390,122	6,250,440
1996*	536,722,094	12.90	9,022,809	2,681,905	6,923,715
1997	533,624,756	13.98	9,989,017	3,069,516	7,460,074

*Update year

VALUE AND PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

CLASS	VALUE	PERCENT	TAX DOLLARS
Residential	403,909,749	76%	5,646,658
Commercial	93,176,267	17%	1,302,604
Industrial	25,664,650	5%	358,792
Personal Property	10,874,090	2%	152,020
TOTAL	\$533,624,756	100%	\$7,460,074

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the following summary of the activity of the Police Department from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997:

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Robert T. Peachey, Sr., Chief of Police
Paul F. Armitage, Sergeant
James A. DiGianvittorio, Sergeant
Henry A. Bouchard, Patrolman
John E. Jones, Patrolman
Edward M. Couture, Patrolman
James J. DeCosta, Patrolman
Robert A. Currier, Patrolman
Gayle F. Haley, Patrolman
Robert T. Peachey, Jr., Patrolman
Ronald S. Carpenter, Patrolman
Raymond Saulnier, Patrolman
(Appointed 6/20/97)
Thomas McParland, Patrolman
(Appointed 6/20/97)

RESERVE OFFICERS

James W. Kelley, Patrolman
Leonard Ferreira, Patrolman
William J. Corey, Patrolman
Richard A. Mendes, Patrolman
Richard W. Kassiotis, Patrolman
Charles Costigan, Patrolman
Raymond Saulnier, Patrolman
Steven Skory, Patrolman
David Arathuzik, Patrolman
Thomas McParland, Patrolman

PHOTOGRAPHER/FINGERPRINT TECHNICIAN

Robert T. Peachey, Sr., Chief of Police

SAFETY OFFICER

Louis J. Fedullo, Sergeant
Edward M. Couture, Patrolman

TRAINING OFFICER

Paul F. Armitage, Sergeant

JUVENILE OFFICER

John E. Jones, Patrolman

DETECTIVE/COURT OFFICER/ FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

James A. DiGianvittorio, Sergeant

DIRECTOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ DARE OFFICER

Gayle F. Haley, Patrolman

CLERK/DISPATCHERS

Nancy McParland
Lorraine Tonello, Part Time

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Helen Stevens
Manuel Correia
Fran Novakowski
Fred Joseph



POLICE STATISTICS

July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

A & B With Weapon	2
Accident - Hit & Run	25
Accident - Personal Injuries	48
Accident-No Personal Injuries	209
Accident - Pedestrian	1
Accident- Vehicle and Bicycle	2
Alarms Business/Residential	710
Alarms - Internal	7
Alcohol Violation	4
Ambulance Assistance	58
Animal Complaint	103
Annoying Calls	21
Area-Check Animal	26
Arson	1
Assault	13
Assist Agency	245
Assist Others	1
Attempt To Serve Process	18
Attempted B & E	8
Attempted Larceny	4
B & E - Building	13
B & E - Dwelling	6
B & E - Motor Vehicle	9
Building Check	34
Bus Passed	3
By-Law Violation	4
Child Abuse	1
Citizen Complaint	208
Class D Possession	2
Civil Matter	15
Civil Violation	3
Community Policing	6
Confidential Report	5
Check Well Being	43
Domestic Abuse	13
Damaged Property	34
Reported Death	2
Delegated Patrol	287
Department Rep.	1
Detective Investigation	18
Disturbed Person	2
Disorderly/Disturbance	16
Domestic	47
Dispute	65
Disturbing the Peace	7
Illegal Dumping	24
Embezzlement	1

Emergency Service	2
Erratic Operation	39
Fire Alarm	103
Family Offense	3
Forgery/Counterfeiting	1
Gas Line Leak	1
Gathering/Riot	1
General Service	37
Hang Up E911	2
Harassment	35
Hazard Material	3
Intoxicated Person	5
Runaway	23
Child in Street	4
Juvenile Offense	5
Lewd/Lascivious	1
Larceny/Theft	135
Fraud/Bad Check	8
Liquor Check	14
Liquor Violation	3
Littering	1
Larceny from Motor Vehicle	3
Purse Snatching	2
Shoplifting	22
Lost Item	30
Medical Aid	128
Messenger/Mail Delivery	64
Minor Transporting	2
Mischievous Activity	17
Malicious Destruction	55
Selective Enforcement	1
Missing Person	13
Motor Vehicle - Arrest	15
Motor Vehicle Complaint	115
Motor Vehicle - Disabled	159
Motor Vehicle - Repossession	87
Motor Vehicle - Stop	122
Motor Vehicle - Theft	9
Noise Complaint	14
Notification	24
Officer Injured	1
Operating Under The Influence of Liquor	5
Parking Complaint /Violation	5
Protective Custody	6
Prowler	1

Held Property	7
Missing Property	11
Receiving Stolen Property	3
Stolen Property	3
Property Found	20
Radar	7
Repossession	9
Request Officer	13
Recovered Motor Vehicle	5
Road Obstruction	23
Robbery	1
Service 209A	33
Violation 209A	6
Receiving Stolen Property	3
Service Request	15
Suspicious Motor Vehicle	69
Solicitors	59
Prowler	1
Traffic Survey	1
Deliver Summons	1
Suicide or Attempt	1
Serve Summons	11
Suspicious Person	44
Suspicious Activity	211
Threat	15
Towed Motor Vehicle	13
Traffic Obstruction	2
Citizen Transport	4
Trespassing	9
Unfounded Call	39
Unwanted Guest	9
Vandalism	11
Vandalism Motor Vehicle	2
Warrant Arrest	18
Carrying Weapon	1



ARRESTS	
Shoplifting	3
Operating After Revocation for Drunk Driving	2
Operating After Suspension of License	23
Minor Transporting/Carrying Alcohol	2
Warrant Arrest	19
B&E Daytime With Intent to Commit a Misdemeanor	2
Assault & Battery	5
Operating Under The Influence of Liquor	9
Operating After Suspension: Subsequent Offense	3
Assault With a Dangerous Weapon	2
Possession of Class D Substance	1
Operating After Revocation of License	2
Operating After Suspension for Drunk Driving	1
Domestic A & B	3
Unlicensed Operation of A Motor Vehicle	3
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Open and Gross Lewdness	1
Violation of Protective Order	1
Disorderly Person	1
Protective Custody	28
TOTAL POLICE STATISTICS	4,500

*MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

Revoked Registration	32
Seat Belt Violations	254
Blue Light Violation	1
Flares	1
Defective Equipment	118
False Documents	1
Stop Light Violation	9
Head Light Violation	24
Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	5
Excluded Way	1
Failure to Use Care	4
Red Light Violation	153
Failure to Use Care	28
Following Too Closely	11
Forged License	1
Forged Registration	1
Failure to Stay Right	1
Failure to Slow	1
Failure to Yield	3
Failure to Dim Lights	2
Injury to Surface of State Highway	1
Failure to Slow at Intersection	4
Failure to Keep Right With Obstructed View	9
Failure to Remove Keys from Motor Vehicle	2
Failure to Use Right Lane	7
Left Turn Violation	6
License Restriction	1
Littering	1
Failure to Use Care in Changing Lanes	11
Uncovered Load	3
H&R Property Damage Accident	7
Endangering	13



Unauthorized Use of A Motor Vehicle	1
Marked Lanes Violation	47
Two Abreast	3
Motor Vehicle Homicide	1
Operating A Motor Vehicle Negligently	1
Failure To Notify Registry of Name Change	15
No License In Possession	91
No Registration In Possession	43
Harsh Noise	3
Passing Violation	63
Improper Turn	2
Failure To Stop For Pedestrian	3
Headphones	1
Dirty License Plate	1
Improper Number of Plates	6
No Plate	2
Attaching Plate	15
Failure To Keep Right of Oncoming Vehicle	6
Registration Plate Violation	15
Right of Way Violation	3
School Bus Violation	18
Failure To Slow For Pedestrian	1
Speeding	917

State Highway Violation	1
Failure To Signal Before Stopping/Turning	1
Failure To Display Registration Sticker	12
Inspection Sticker Violation	69
No Inspection or No Sticker Displayed	198
Vehicle Not Meeting RMV Safety Standards	8
Stop Sign Violation	22
Failure To Stop For Police Officer	10
Width Violation Motor Vehicle/Trailer	1
Tinted Glass Violation	25
Improper Turn	12
Uninsured Operation of a Motor Vehicle	40
Unregistered Operation of a Motor Vehicle	107
Failure To Stop For Pedestrian in Crosswalk	1
Failure to Yield	6
Yellow Light Violation	4
Total Motor Vehicle Violations	2,491

*Includes the following:

360	Warnings
1280	Civil Infractions
106	Complaint Applications
50	Arrests
2	Void

TRAINING OFFICER

Sgt. Paul F. Armitage

The following report briefly describes to the reader some of the types of training experienced by members of the Police Department this past year.

In September, Eric J. Christopher of the Middleton Fire Department met with all the police officers for their annual cardiopulmonary resuscitation recertification.



During the month of December, Sergeants Armitage and DiGianvittorio attended a course for First-Line Effective Supervision presented by Van Meter & Associates, Inc.

In January Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher was back at MPD for the first of our biannual First Responder classes. Also at this meeting Sgt. Armitage briefed the officers on the procedure for the detention of foreign nationals and the procedure for dealing with out of state restraining orders.

The month of March was a busy training month. With the exception of Sgt. DiGianvittorio and Reserve Officers, everyone attended a Homicide/Crime Scene Preservation Course offered by Van Meter & Associates, Inc. Sergeants Armitage and DiGianvittorio, Officer Peachey and Dispatchers Nancy McParland and Lori Tonello successfully completed a Massachusetts Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunicator's Course. At an in-service training session the remainder of the officers were given an overview of the enhanced 911 system by Mona Wallace of the Statewide Emergency Tele-communications Board.

Sergeant Armitage attended a class in which he was recertified as a training officer for the Intoxilyzer and, at a later training session, recertified all of the officers as Intoxilyzer operators.

The month of May found Eric Christopher again back at the PD to instruct the officers for their second biannual First Responder training.

There were other training sessions during the year.

D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. OFFICER Patrolman Gayle Haley

The fifth graduating class of D.A.R.E. students consisted of eighty four sixth graders. With the assistance of a Grant through the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, students successfully completed the seventeen week core program.

The students, teachers and parents at the Howe Manning School were treated to a fun, upbeat and entertaining workshop by performer "Johnny The K". The originality of John's performance combines music with a message, lots of audience involvement, and an array of unique hats and masks. The culmination ceremony followed the performance. All students were honored with a certificate of achievement and a "D.A.R.E. To Resist Drugs and Violence"

tee shirt for successfully completing the program. Three students were honored for their outstanding essays. They each received a bronze medallion and a fifty-dollar savings bond generously donated by local banks. The top essay writer was Shanti Mahajan. As a special bonus, Shanti accompanied Officer Haley to the Massachusetts State D.A.R.E. culmination where she represented the Town of Middleton along with over 350 youngsters from around the state.

As a final activity the sixth grade students enjoyed a trip to Project Adventure at the University of New Hampshire. This was a day-long series of exercises which tested the children's skills and allowed them to overcome challenging obstacles using team work and trust. They were also challenged by choice individually overcoming their fears and conquering obstacles 30 feet up in the trees.

Officer Haley would like to extend special thanks to the Family Bank and the Danvers Savings Bank for their contribution of the savings bonds presented to the essay winner.

As in the past I wish to extend my thanks to the town officials, the citizens of the community, surrounding police departments, Massachusetts State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles and especially the members of the Middleton Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Peachey, Sr.
Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Middleton:

MISSION STATEMENT:

The primary mission of the Middleton Fire Department is to protect lives and property and improve the quality of LIFE in the Town of Middleton through fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous material control, and fire alarm communications to all who live, work or invest in the community. I hereby submit to you the report of the Fire Department for the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997:

The Fire Department consists of permanent and call personnel. The permanent force is composed of: Chief, Captain, three Lieutenants, two Firefighters and one Dispatcher.

The call force consists of: one Captain, two Lieutenants and 16 Firefighters. This combination of personnel gives the Town a complement of 27 men and women serving on the Fire Department.

DEPARTMENT ROSTER:

PERMANENT FORCE:

*** Chief Henry Michalski, Jr.
 * Captain David T. Leary, Sr.
 * Lieutenant William O'Neil
 *** Lieutenant Frank Twiss
 * Lieutenant Timothy O'Connell
 * Firefighter Charles S. Clinch IV
 * Firefighter Kenneth LeColst
 ** Dispatcher Lily McCormack

CALL FORCE:

* Captain Charles S. Clinch III
 **** Lieutenant David P. Santamaria
 * Lieutenant Thomas Martinuk
 ** Firefighter Robert Aldenberg
 * Firefighter Jeffrey Barber
 * Firefighter Andrew Bouchard
 * Firefighter Peter Beauparlant
 **** Firefighter Eric J. Christopher
 **** Firefighter Craig Clough
 * Firefighter William Clough
 * Firefighter Douglas Donovan
 * Firefighter Peter B. Francis

* Firefighter Barry Galvin
 * Firefighter James Hannon
 **** Firefighter Douglas LeColst
 * Firefighter James Miller
 * Firefighter James Muise
 * Firefighter Richard F. Nash
 * Firefighter John O'Connor

KEY

* Registered Emergency Medical Tech.
 ** First Responder, 105 CMR 171.000
 MGL c. 111 c. 201
 *** Emergency Medical Tech/Intermed.
 **** Emergency Medical Tech/Paramedic

Total EMT's	20
Total EMT's/Intermediate	2
Total EMT's/Paramedic	4
Total First Responders	1

We did receive several applications for membership during the past year, and are presently scheduling interviews for prospective candidates.

The Fire Department responded to a total of 1,697 incidents during 1996-97. This actually was a decrease of 123 incidents over 1995-96. The biggest reason for the decrease as you can see is there were fewer brush and grass fires. It is worthy to note that we did have a increase in building fires, increasing from 10 in 1995-96 to 21 in 1996-97. The incidents are broken down as follows:

<u>TYPE OF INCIDENT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF INCIDENTS</u>
Buildings	21
Chimney Fires	3
Motor Vehicles	18
Brush and Grass.....	96
Rubbish, Trash, Dump	10
Spills (gasoline, oil, etc.).....	9
Medical Aids (basic life support).....	373
Medical Aids (advanced life support).....	88
Motor Vehicle Accidents	113
Mutual Aid Medical Aid	44
Burnt Food on Stoves.....	96
Investigations.....	78
Electrical	12
Delayed Ignition (oil burners).....	16
Defective Gas Appliances	7

Service Calls (house, car lockouts, etc.)	224
Assist Police & other Town Departments..	31
Illegal Burning.....	42
Mutual Aid	20
Defective Elevators	9
False Alarms (street boxes)	8
Alarm Activations (needless)	136
Lightning Strikes.....	17
Investigation (gas odor).....	35
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation.....	173

Total Responses 1996/1997 1,697

We answered a total of 954 incidents from the hours of 0700 to 1600 hours (4:00 PM) the remaining 743 incidents were from 1700 hours (5:00 PM) to 0600 hours.

The department received mutual aid from the surrounding communities a total of seventy five times during the past year.

MANPOWER:

Availability of personnel is still at a critical level. During the past year we had 11 incidents where no one was available to respond back and 25 incidents where only one person was available to respond.

To meet the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and National Fire Protection Association (1500) standards, we will need to place a minimum of one additional Firefighter/EMT on duty on each shift. This will allow the department to respond with three people to each emergency situation, thereby meeting the minimum response requirement.



APPARATUS:

The apparatus of the department is in fair to good condition. As of this year the inventory remains the same as last year

- 1992 - Chevy Sedan (Chiefs car)
- 1993 - Ford 350 Pick-Up (Squad 5)
- 1989 - Ford E350 Ambulance (Rescue 6)
- 1995 - Ford E350 Ambulance (Rescue 1)

- 1982 - Ford F350 Utility body (Fire Alarm maintenance)
 - 1972 - International pump (Engine 2)
 - 1979 - Ward LaFrance pump (Engine 3)
 - 1986 - Hahn pump (Engine 1)
 - 1981 - International chassis, with a 1961 Aerial device (Ladder 1)
 - 1981 - Mack tractor, with 1965 Heil trailer (Engine 4)
 - 1988 - Cox Boat trailer, with 1989 Bombard Commando boat with motor for water rescue
 - 1988 - Wire trailer (Fire Alarm)
- Two general purpose trailers used for HazMat incidents.

At last years annual Town Meeting you approved an article for \$425,000 to replace Ladder 1. The ladder truck replacement committee has diligently been attempting to accomplish this task. We have had several meetings and viewed many ladder trucks from various manufacturers. As of this writing, only one truck currently fits into the station, all the others have been to large to fit into the doors.

ENHANCED 9-1-1

In May, the new Enhanced 9-1-1 center went on line in fire headquarters. All fire department personnel received 16 hours of training as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Telecommunications Board. Members of the police department also attended.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lieutenant Twiss and Sergeant DiGianvittorio who were given the portentous task of educating residents in how 9-1-1 operates. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Since going on line, we have received numerous calls, both of emergency nature and those from residents programming phones. I would like to take this time to remind all residents that **9-1-1 is to be used for the reporting of emergencies only.** When calling for information, please continue to use 774-2466 or 774-0700. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION:

The department continues to conduct its own training program on Monday nights and occasionally on weekends. In addition to the regular drill schedule, several members have been attending special outside courses conducted by such organizations as the State Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy. The courses provided are extremely beneficial to the town and the department. The time spent by these individuals is often done at their own time and expense in attending these specialized courses. The town and department are very fortunate to have such dedicated individuals whose knowledge and experience will benefit the town and department operating format.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING:

Hazardous materials training is an ever on-going process, as are many of the programs the department is involved with. Again, the department attempts to conduct its own in-house training when ever possible, but there are times when we have to call in specialized instructors to assist us. Given the financial constraints placed on fire departments, it is extremely difficult to maintain a level of efficiency to effectively handle a hazardous materials incident. It becomes incumbent on the agencies who mandate this training to become fiscally responsible for the proper training of personnel. However, due to the current economic decline, the funding sources are found to be inadequate. Following is an outline of continual training that must be conducted on an annual basis:

- A) E.M.T. & E.M.D. Recertification... 28 hours of continuing education every two years along with a 21 hour refresher course yearly.
- B) Semi-Automatic Defibrillator Recertification: Quarterly
- C) Epinephrine Auto Injection Recertification: Quarterly
- D) C.P.R.: Yearly
- E) Infection Control Continuing Education: Yearly
- F) Hazardous Materials Training: Yearly

Additionally, the following recommended training is needed to meet the demands of the department:

- A) Updated Firefighter 1 & 2 competency updates and certification.
- B) Continuing education of Officers and Firefighters.
- C) Continuing education for fire education personnel.
- D) Certification of fire investigation personnel.
- E) Confined Space Rescue Training.
- F) Medical Dispatch Procedures.

As in past years these are just some of the problems that are facing the department today, and with the increase in technological advances by society, it becomes evident that the department needs to stay current with these in order to provide the level of service that the residents have become accustomed to.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

The department continues to conduct its own training program consistent with all applicable State, Federal and Local statutes. Emergency medical services continues to keep department active. In addition to emergency response calls for medical assistance, the E.M.S. division provides many other functions in its day to day operations, including responses to hazardous materials incidents, structure fires, wildland fire and motor vehicle accidents. Their primary role is to support functions already in progress. They also provide Emergency Rehabilitation Services to personnel operating on scene. This has become a very valuable resource on scene in providing immediate medical care to personnel or citizens who may become ill, injured or dehydrated during and after an incident.

Also, the E.M.S. division is involved with a number of community programs. The department provides free blood pressure clinic, CPR and First Responder Training courses to the public. Additionally, it conducts training for many public and private organizations throughout the town such as, Bostik, Nynex and any town department that needs or wishes to be trained. It also works closely with the schools and library in providing tours for the pupils and teachers, and to the staff at the library in order to have a better understanding of our operations and to help alleviate some of their fears during a medical emergency.

As always, your fire department will strive to provide a level of service that will continue to be on the leading edge throughout the State.

INSPECTIONS & PERMITS		
Oil Burner Inspection	78	
Reinspection	14	
Permits Issued		78
Fire Alarm Inspection	175	
Reinspection	36	
Permits Issued		175
Liquid Propane Storage	41	
Reinspection	6	
Permits Issued		41
Tank Truck Inspection	6	
Reinspection	0	
Permits Issued		6
Blasting Permit	11	
Blast Witnessed	67	
Permits Issued		11

MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS		
Sprinkler Permits	5	
Flammable Liquid	18	
Tent Permit	6	
Tar Kettle	0	
Underground Tank Removal	18	
Plans Review	110	
(residential, fire and heat detection, sprinklers, fire extinguishers).		
Burning Permits Issued		409
Calls for permission to burn	1,364	

NOTE: Burning Permits are good for one (1) season, but a call to the fire department MUST be made on each day of burning.

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES:

The fire prevention division of the department has continued to experience a dramatic increase in inspection activity. This upward change is a reflection of the increase in residential and commercial construction. In addition to initial inspections for fire safety, fire prevention focuses on education to enhance a fire safe attitude. Classes on Fire Extinguishers and Fire Prevention for businesses, fire safety talks to children and the elderly, and public service announcements on the local cable channel are just a few examples of our commitment to promote fire prevention in our Town.



Remember, fire can strike without warning. To be safe you have to be ready. Take the time now to complete a home fire safety check. Install smoke detectors if you haven't already. For those who have already installed detectors be sure they are clean and free of dust. Test the batteries monthly and replace the batteries yearly. Sit down with family members and devise a family escape plan for your home. The plan should include TWO (2) ways out of every room, plus a meeting place out of your home, to be certain that all members are safely out of the building. Purchase a multi-purpose (ABC) extinguisher and learn how to use it properly. the extinguisher should be located near exit doors.

One issue that has raised many questions and concerns by the public is the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and highly toxic gas. Carbon monoxide is a by-product of combustion, present whenever fuel is burned. It is produced by common home appliances, such as gas or oil furnaces, clothes dryers, water heaters, and automobiles. Malfunctioning heating equipment, blocked chimneys, indoor use of

barbecue grills, use of cooking appliances for heating purposes, poor ventilation, and automobile exhaust in an attached garage can cause carbon monoxide to enter a home.

If carbon monoxide goes undetected and the levels increase, carbon monoxide poisoning can occur. Symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, tightening of the chest, convulsions, redness of the eyes, sleepiness, confusion and ringing in the ears are some of the effects of carbon monoxide on the body. Prolonged exposure can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage, or death. To protect yourself and your family from carbon monoxide poisoning, install at least one carbon monoxide detector near the sleeping area. An additional detector near the home heat source can provide extra protection. Choose an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed detector that sounds an audible alarm. In addition to installing carbon monoxide detectors, residents should regularly inspect and service potential problem sources of carbon monoxide.

If you or your family member encounter any danger signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, if there is a suspicion that a carbon monoxide problem exists, or if a carbon monoxide detector activates, evacuate the home immediately and call the fire department. The firefighters can render emergency care and also use special equipment to measure the levels of carbon monoxide in the home.

If you would like some help in planning a home fire escape plan, if you would like a home fire safety check, or if you have any questions concerning fire safety or fire prevention, please contact the fire department at 774-2466. Arrangements can be made to help you keep your home fire safe. The department has two slide programs on "Preventing Home Fires" and "Escaping Home Fires" and also numerous videos on fire safety which are available to be shown for your education.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

- ♥ Install a smoke detector on each level of your home.
- ♥ DO NOT disable a smoke detector when it sounds off.
- ♥ Know what to do after a detector sounds off.
- ♥ Plan a home escape route in the event of a fire.
- ♥ Install at least one carbon monoxide detector.



FIRE ALARM:

The fire alarm system is in excellent repair and condition. Maintenance and care of the system is the key to reliable, cost effective operation. The fire alarm system is cared for in its entirety by the Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and remains basically self-supporting through fees charged directly to the users. All town owned buildings are protected by this system. Expansion of the system continues at a rapid rate again this year due to many construction projects in progress. All costs associated with the expansion process are borne by the developers and/or builder.

RADIO SYSTEM:

The radio system has been completely upgraded and is adequate at present to our needs of ensuring public safety and the safety of personnel working at an emergency scene.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

The turn out gear used by the personnel is in fair condition, as with any clothing it needs to be replaced in time. The current gear was manufactured in 1993. Since this time it has seen much use, and we need to start considering its replacement. Over the past several years, we have been able to issue protective hoods, gloves, and brush jackets to each individual for their safety. We also need to purchase additional face pieces for the self contained breathing apparatus. Under the new health and safety standards, it is recommended that each individual firefighter have their own personal face pieces.

**FOR FIRE
& EMERGENCY
CALL 9-1-1**

Provide the telecommunicator with the following information:

1. Your name.
2. The address where the emergency is located.
3. What the emergency is.
4. How many people are injured or need help.
5. What is being done for the victims.
6. Your telephone number.

DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL TOLD TO

In the event you have no telephone, use the fire alarm box in your area. **STAY** at the fire alarm box until apparatus arrive and direct them to where the problem is.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Addition of (6) full time firefighters.
- Addition of One (1) full time fire prevention inspector.
- Formation of a study group with regards to determining the need to build a new public safety building.
- Replace the existing roof on fire headquarters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton for their continued cooperation during the past year.

To the members of the department and your families, thank you for your assistance throughout the past year. Many times you may think that your efforts go unnoticed or are not appreciated, but this is far from the case. Your dedication toward providing safety to the residents of the town is very much in my thoughts at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Michalski, Jr.
Chief of Department

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Residential Development continued to increase again this year. A 10% increase in housing units over last year's total brought the total housing units constructed this year to 72.

A total of 837 permits were issued by the Department during FY-97. The Inspectors conducted nearly 2,000 inspections during the year.

There were significant zoning changes proposed by the Inspections Department during FY-97 and we were pleased that they were passed by the Annual Town Meeting in May of 1997.

A district was created to allow for antennas to be constructed in certain areas, which brought the Town into compliance with the Federal Communications Act.

Also the zoning was amended within the M-1 Manufacturing District on South Main Street to allow for retail uses within that zone. The many retail uses present within that zone were brought into compliance with the Zoning Bylaw due to this change.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of my staff, the many Board members and all the residents for their support during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Aldenberg
Inspector of Buildings

TRIPS MADE BY INSPECTORS

Building	796
Electrical	626
Plumbing/Gas	<u>500</u>
Total	1,922

RESIDENTIAL		
67	New Dwellings	\$14,422,600
1	5-Unit Condo. Building	930,000
48	Additions	997,350
63	Renovations	639,123
21	Accessory Buildings	152,306
19	Chimneys/Wood Stoves	38,100
19	Swimming Pools	168,750
4	Fences	16,400
4	Residential Demolitions	N/A



COMMERCIAL		
3	New Commercial Buildings	\$2,001,250
15	Additions/Renovations	660,280
16	Signs	34,400
1	Recreational Theme Park	12,000,000
2	Retaining Walls	12,000
1	Demolition	12,000
5	Temp Tents/Trailers	N/A
1	Others	58,359

GOVERNMENT OWNED BUILDINGS		
5	Additions/Renovations	\$ 229,675

295 TOTAL PERMITS

\$32,372,593

FEE'S COLLECTED - FY-97

295	Building Permits	\$194,152
240	Electric Permits	35,448
125	Plumbing Permits	34,581
98	Gas Permits	3,264
74	Occupancy Permits	1,125
2	Re-inspections fees	35
3	Fines	310
837	TOTALS	\$ 268,915

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton, I hereby submit the following annual report of the Department of Public Works for the period covering July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997.



The Department roster for FY-97 consisted of the following full-time personnel:

DENNIS R. ROY	Superintendent
Kenneth Gibbons	Foreman
John Rezza	Water Systems Operator
Florence Leary	Secretary
William Mugford	Light Equipment Operator
Gregory Hull	Light Equipment Operator
Ricky Gould	Light Equipment Operator
Scott Saulnier	Light Equipment Operator
David Ogden	Light Equipment Operator
Anthony Bertino	Light Equipment Operator
Glenn Osgood	Light Equipment Operator

Part-time summer help this year consisted of the following Middleton residents:

Tatishe Nteta
Banning Jones
Sheri Porter
Debra Porter
David Ogden

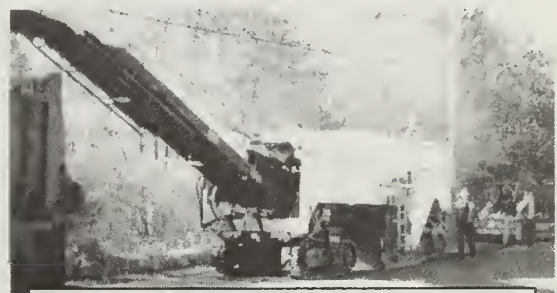


Following is a summary, by division, of the work performed throughout the fiscal year:

❖ HIGHWAY

This year's highway resurfacing program consisted of the following projects:

- **Logbridge Road** - The Town completed the resurfacing of Logbridge Road by placing the finish coat of asphalt and by installing over 250 feet of steel guard rail.
- **School Street** - As part of the completion of the School Street water main extension project, the Town resurfaced that portion of School Street with a 1-1/2" overlay of bituminous concrete after milling off the top existing layer of asphalt. This was the first time that the milling process was used which proved to be very successful. The milling process basically allows the Town to only have to resurface the top layer of pavement rather than have to do a full depth reconstruction process. School Street was an ideal candidate for this because the road base and crown were in good shape from the previous repavement project.



Milling Process on School Street

The Town's accepted road mileage has now increased to 44.67 miles this year with the acceptance of Currier Road (.23) miles and Campbell Road (.59) miles.

With new subdivisions still before the Planning Board, I anticipate an additional 1.5 miles of roadway added to our system next year.

In addition to the increased road mileage, these new roads added 31 new catch basins to our drainage system that will need to be cleaned on an annual basis. This year a total of 550 catch basins were cleaned in June. Our annual catch basin cleaning program helps prevent any future expensive drain line plug ups.

All roadways were swept and lined by Memorial Day.

❖ SNOW

The 1996-97 snowfall season fell far short of last years record season of 123 inches.



The total snow recorded for Middleton this season was 51 inches, which ended up being about 9 inches short of the town's average. The first snow fell on November 27th and the last storm recorded was on April 1, 1997.

The Town recorded a total of only 5 major storms with the largest being the March 31-April 1 blizzard in which 23 inches of snow fell. In addition to being the largest storm of the season it was the most damaging. Many tree limbs and power lines were brought down by the heavy wet snow. The Public Works Department spent nearly two weeks following the storm clearing all the damage from the Town's roadways. Much of it was brought to the Town yard and later burned. For the season we had 4 storms of less than 6 inches, and 1 storm where greater than 12 inches fell.

Even though there were only 5 snow storms this season, there were many smaller snow occurrences in which Public Works was required to treat the roadways with salt and sand. The Town used 750 tons of salt, 5,500 gallons of calcium chloride and 1,900 tons of sand to keep our roads clear and safe.

The winter season is always the hardest time for any Public Works Department in any Town when there is that constant wear each night on equipment and men. I would like to thank not only the men of this Department but the private contractors who worked by our sides each storm assisting our crews to

accomplish the goal of making our streets safe for the public.

❖ OCTOBER FLOODS

Beginning on October 21, 1996 the Town received 11-1/2" of rain in a 36 hour period which brought record high water levels to the Ipswich River and resulted in severe flooding throughout the Town. As a result, many roads had to be closed for several days. The Public Works Department closed off Peabody Street, East Street, Pine Road, River Street, North Liberty Street and a portion of Elm Street due to high water. The last road to be reopened was North Liberty Street on October 25th.

Street damage was recorded on Pine Road, River Street, and North Liberty Street. The



East St. as seen from #142
Closed Oct. 21-24

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) came in after the storm to survey the damage and approved damage relief funds for emergency services and equipment used during the event along with funds to do some road and bridge repairs.



Thunder Bridge Beach

SIDEWALKS

Public Works started and completed the resurfacing of the Wennerberg Road sidewalks. The same process that was used in the Brigadoon project was also used on Wennerberg Road, which included digging back all the overgrown grass, removing protruding tree roots, rocks etc. and then overlaying the entire sidewalk with 1-1/2" of bituminous pavement.

Over the past four years, Public Works has repaired over 3.4 miles of sidewalk.

Again this year, Public Works continues to work with the Planning Board to have private developers install sidewalks on adjacent main streets to new subdivisions rather than requiring 2 sidewalks be installed within the subdivision.

This year 2,500 feet of new sidewalk and bituminous curbing was installed on Boston Street from Old Haswell Park Road to Lt. J. Cabral Drive by Brady Development of the Woodstone Estates subdivision.

❖ CAPITAL PURCHASES

Capital purchases this year included the purchase of a new portable brush chipper that will be used at the new Transfer Station to chip brush, old Christmas trees, etc. and it will be used extensively during storm disaster cleanups. This machine can handle wood limbs up to 12 inches in diameter. With the ability to chip wood on site after a storm it will reduce the clean up time as well as save the Town money in disposal costs.



Future section "3000" at Oakdale Cemetery

❖ CEMETERY

During the past year there were 45 interments at Oakdale Cemetery. During this same period there were a total of 33 new lots sold of which 1 was a single grave, 8 were double graves and 4 were four grave lot sales. Revenue collected from these sales amounted to \$5,515.

As we do each year, the Town spends many man hours cutting and caring for the 10 acres of grass, shrubs, trees etc. in an effort to keep Oakdale one of Essex County's most beautiful cemeteries.

❖ PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS



In addition to our regular routine maintenance of all parks and playgrounds, all areas were fertilized on a regular schedule throughout the season.



Relocating trash under new soccer field to area to be capped.

All baseball diamonds were edged, weeded, and infields reshaped in preparation for opening day and then regularly maintained thereafter with weekly mowing and line painting.

The Town, this year, began to work towards replacing fields that had been lost last year as a result of the Fuller Meadow School addition and the landfill capping project.

At the landfill, as part of the landfill capping contract, a new soccer field was built and 3 new parking lots were added to accommodate the future use of this field. This new field was near completion at the end of FY-97 and will be ready for play in the Spring of 1998.

In addition to this new soccer field the master plan called for an additional regulation soccer field to be constructed at the southwest corner of the landfill property. In a continuing effort to save money, a contract to accept Central Artery clay from Boston, at no cost to the Town, was made and hauling began in late June. Approximately 35,000 cubic yards of clay will be needed to bring the grade up to a



New soccer field at the landfill being hydro-seeded

level so that the second phase of completing this field can take place. I am hoping to have this field playable by the Spring of 1999. As part of the final plan to help keep these fields in good playing condition throughout the season the Town is planning to drill wells for irrigation.

At the Fuller Meadow School site, as part of the new school addition, the original little league field taken out during the school construction was relocated behind the new addition. This field will be available for use in the Spring of 1998.

In the Town's effort to add more ballfields for the growing needs of the Community, the Town authorized the start of Phase I construction for a new baseball diamond next to the existing diamond at the Fuller Meadow School. Public Works supervised Phase I of the construction which began and was completed in December with the clearing of trees, removing roots and rough grading of the site. Phase II and Phase III work, which will complete this project, will begin next fiscal year. I would anticipate this field to be ready for play in the Fall of 1998.

❖ WATER

During FY-97, there were 58 permits issued for either new water services or renewal of old services. This represented a 53% increase from last year.



Peabody Street looking East from the bridge
October 23, 1996. Road closed Oct. 21-25

Public Works, for the first time, hired its first certified water systems operator, John Rezza, to manage our growing water system and to assist the Town in complying with the increasing demands of the DEP

(Department of Environmental Protection Agency). Some of his duties will include performing water inspections on new lines, repairing, maintaining, testing and flushing hydrants annually, establishing and implementing an annual program to exercise major gate valves, taking weekly bacterial water samples, and establishing a backflow preventer program for high hazard water users.



Monday Bridge Flooding October 22, 1996

Mr. Rezza's first task, when he came on board in September, was to co-ordinate the installation of the new 12" water main that was being installed on School Street from Essex Street to house # 42 by James Currier Construction. This new water line construction was approved at Town Meeting and resulted in extending our water system an additional 2,250 feet.

Water line extensions, privately funded, to new developments this year consisted of the following streets:

Old Haswell Park Road	1,760 feet
Lt. J. Cabral Drive to Galeucia Rd	1,460 feet
Northwoods Road	470 feet
Tyler Lane	855 feet
Evergreen Estates	1,710 feet

This now brings our water supply system to approximately 21.3 miles of water main varying from 2 inches in diameter to 16 inches in diameter.

Also this year there were:

11	broken hydrants repaired
5	fire flow tests conducted
1	new hydrant installed
30	location markouts
13	complaints investigated and resolved
80	hydrants flushed
80	biological samples taken
2	commercial businesses surveyed

In conclusion to all the activities of the Water Division this fiscal year, the ongoing negotiations with the Town of Danvers and The Town of Middleton resulted with both Towns agreeing to a contract settlement, which will be officially signed in early fall. This will settle both Towns financial and operational responsibilities.

❖ **SOLID WASTE**



Landfill capping underway as seen from Transfer station

The Solid Waste Division of the Department of Public Works was the busiest of all divisions in FY-97 with the opening of the Town's new Transfer Station facility and the start of the \$1.2 million dollar capping project of the former open dump landfill.

Beginning in July 1997, Public Works officially took over the physical management of solid waste disposal for the Town from the Board of Health. This was a major undertaking for the Department which required many months of planning and meeting with the Solid Waste Committee.

Since the new Transfer Station was still under construction in July, Public Works was forced to set up an interim station which consisted of (7) open top roll-off containers. At about the same time the Towns capping contractor, G. Conway, was beginning his contract with the Town to cap the 10 acre former landfill area. This necessitated Public Works to move the location of our interim



Interim Transfer Station – July 1996

station several times. For the four months that the Town was forced to use this temporary arrangement the general public's co-operation was tremendous. It was a very labor intense process as well as a learning experience for both the public and the Town.

For the first time since its' purchase in December 1996, the Town's new transfer station roll-off truck was pressed into service making daily pick-ups and transfers of the Town's trash and recyclables. The first trip to the Ogden Martin incinerator in Haverhill was made on July 2, 1997 with 3 tons of trash.

Residents experienced what I call "sticker shock" when the fee went from \$10/year to \$75/year

This was necessary due to the cost of disposing of our trash at Ogden Martin.



Gas vent pipes & liner on top of landfill

As part of the new operation for the Department, the Town hired two full time employees to run the station and haul our trash.

During the summer and early fall months of 1997 the landfill was being transformed daily by these two major construction projects which required many hours of planning and supervision to make sure that our regular dump schedule was not interrupted and any inconvenience to the public was kept to a minimum.



Membrane line being installed on East slope of landfill

Finally, on November 9, 1997, the Town's new permanent Transfer Station was officially opened for business. It was exciting to see the public's reaction to the new station since nobody really knew what to expect because the station was being constructed at the far end of the landfill property, which happened to be, out of the public's view. For the first time residents did not have to worry about muddy shoes, dirty cars, flat tires or traffic jams. The coffee and donuts were even pretty good that day.

Much of the credit must go to the members of the Solid Waste Committee who spent many hours taking field trips as well as doing research on other transfer stations and disposal sites like Ogden Martin to find out what would best satisfy the needs of Middleton. They contributed many ideas to the design and layout of the new station, while working with other Town Boards, our consulting Engineer and other State Agencies.

I would like to personally like to thank Chairperson Mary Jane Morin, Henry Tragert, Robert Porteous, Leo Cormier, Ira Singer, Chick Newhall, Robert Kelley, Glen Bambury for all their time and efforts towards this final project.

The Town should also note that many thousands of dollars were saved by Public Works when this Department took on the responsibility of installing the fencing, final grading and paving of all road surface areas, landscaping of the entire site, signage etc. The Public Works Department ,in effect, became a sub contractor to the general contractor.

This first year of operations resulted with the Town disposing of the following:

1,580 tons of trash
212 tons of C+D (construction & demolition)
7 tons of plastic
245 tires
227 tons of paper
48 tons of metal/tin
30 tons of glass
367 Christmas trees were chipped



Construction and demolition (C+D) materials started to be collected in January of 1997 and quickly became a popular program for residents. On the last *full* weekend of each month residents are allowed to dispose of residential household materials such as old T.V.s, household furniture, concrete blocks etc. and other none hazardous items as long as they are brought in by a transfer station stickered vehicle.

We hope to expand our recycling collection to other items as we grow into our new station.

A new swap shop inside the transfer station will be one of the many goals for next fiscal year.

In conclusion, of what has been another busy year for the Department, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Community for their continued support of our efforts throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the Department personnel for their hard and dedicated work in serving the growing needs of Middleton.

Respectfully submitted

DENNIS R. ROY
Superintendent of Public Works

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

The following is my report as Plumbing and Gas Inspector:

There were 125 plumbing permits issued totaling \$34,581 and 98 gas permits issued totaling \$3,264.

I wish to thank the Building Inspector and the Townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

William Smith
Plumbing/Gas Inspector



INSPECTOR OF WIRES

The following is a report of the Wiring Inspector:

There were 240 wiring permits issued totaling \$35,448.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Electric Light Department, the Building

Inspector and the Townspeople for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marshall
Wiring Inspector

PLANNING BOARD

During Fiscal 1997 the Middleton Planning Board held 18 meetings in which 26 ANR's were filed (approval not required under subdivision control laws). Of these filings, 5 petitioners withdrew resulting in the approval of 21 ANR's. There were 3 preliminary subdivision plans and 3 definitive subdivision plans filed resulting in the approval of 3 new subdivisions. For the first time, the Board has seen a decrease in the number of residential lots.

The Board has made 21 recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the following: 6 variances, 4 site plans, 8 special permits and 3 appeals. In addition to our regular business the Board looked at the presentation of a Growth Plan presented by residents of the Town as well as recommendations for Zoning By-law changes.

In June our Board reorganized. Beverly Popielski was appointed Chairperson for another term and Ronald S. Twing was appointed Clerk. During the course of a somewhat busy schedule we were faced with some changes on our Board. First we received the resignation of Board member, Scott Hamilton. Although we understood that

his family and business commitments needed him, we were sorry to see him leave. On a bright note, a former member decided to come out of retirement and joined our Board once again. Thanks, George. As we were up and running once again we were faced with the resignation of a very valued member, Mr. Ronald S. Twing. Believe me we tried to convince him not to leave. Ron, thank you for nine years of dedicated service, knowledge, support and humor. We wish you Good Luck and look forward to serving with you in the future. We welcome our newest member elected, Mr. Harry Mathews.

We wish to thank our secretaries, Lori Tonello, Beverly Lenehan, and of course our Senior Secretary, Helen Freedman as well as all Department Heads for their continued support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Popielski, Chairperson
George E. Dow, Sr., Clerk
David T. Leary, Sr.
Timothy Chouinard
Harry Mathews



BOARD OF APPEALS

Regularly scheduled hearings of the Board of Appeals are held in the DPW Building, 195 North Main Street, at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Applications for a public hearing must be submitted to the Town Clerk and must include the following to avoid delays in processing:

1. For each request for a site plan, variance, special permit or review of building inspector's denial, a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 is required. This fee is payable to the Town of Middleton and must accompany the application to cover the costs of Legal Notice publication and other expenses associated with the required public hearing.
2. Six copies of plans and applications, with the appropriate application number stamped by the Building Inspector.
3. It is the Applicant's responsibility to obtain a list of certified abutters (parties of interest) from the Board of Assessors Office. The form that is to be filed is included in the application.
4. The subject matter of the application, i.e., variance, site plan approval, special permit or review refusal of the Building Inspector to issue a permit.
5. The location of the area of premises including street address and assessors map number and lot number and one copy of assessors map (scale 1" = 200').

6. The name of the applicant printed or typed and signed including telephone number.
7. Applications must be approved and signed by the Building Inspector before taken to the Town Clerk.
8. The Town Clerk will accept and date stamp an application only if all items listed above are in order.

The Board will schedule a public hearing at the earliest possible date, but not later than 65 days after filing of the application pending upon the availability of the needed information and response from other interested Boards and Agencies.

Alternate Member William R. Mugford resigned from the Board upon his election to the Board of Selectmen. John Leitner was then appointed as an alternate to the Board.

We wish to thank the Planning Board and Building Inspector for their timely input and other Boards, town officials and Town Counsel for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart H. Lord, Chairman
 Roger E. Drysdale, Clerk
 Richard O. Ajootian
 Jeffrey D. Schreiber
 John Carrington
 Linda Parker, Alternate
 John Leitner, Alternate

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During the 1996-1997 fiscal year the Board of Appeals heard a total of 29 petitions with decisions shown:

<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>Granted</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Postponed</u>
11	Variances	7	1	2	1
6	Site Plans	4	1	0	1
7	Special Permits	5	1	0	1
5	Appeal of Bldg. Inspector's Decision	3	2	0	0

BOARD OF HEALTH

The landfill is now a transfer station. The Department of Public Works (DPW) runs it. Stickers for using the transfer station and/or the recycling area are now sold at Memorial Hall at the Tax Collectors office. (Recycling stickers are free to residents).

The storm of October 19 to October 21, 1996 resulted in 11.3 inches of rainfall in 36 hours. This rainfall was a 30 to 50 year storm event. Many homes and businesses in Town suffered flooding from this storm.

During the year I attended many meetings and educational workshops. These included:

A Haz-Mat weekend workshop with the Fire Department.
A Two-day conference on soils and perc testing.
A convention by the Mass. Health Agent Officers Association.
Meetings about the low interest loan program to update septic systems (Betterment Program).
A conference on public drinking water quality.
A seminar hosted by the state DEP for Boards of Health.
Nine meetings of the Tobacco control program.
Healthy community meetings of the Solid Waste Committee.
Five Open Space Committee meetings.
A Recreation Committee meeting.
Board of Selectmen meeting.
12 Board of Health meetings.
A Community Health Committee meeting at the Vocational School.
11 Health Agent meetings.

The Board of Health has five members as follows:

Dale Buckley, Chairman
 Dr. Robert Nersasian
 Dr. Jay Afrow
 Mary Jane Morrin
 Niru Patel

Helen Freedman, Secretary
 Leo F. Cormier, Health Agent/Sanitarian

INSPECTIONS AND REVIEWS

298	Septic System inspections
126	Perc tests
90	Septic plan reviews
72	Complaints reviewed and acted on
60	Septic plans approved
52	Food places inspected
43	Well water pump tests done
11	Swim water/hot tub inspections
10	Sewer pump installation and sewer installation inspections
8	Chapter II housing inspections
10	Installers tests
4	Environmental samples to be tested
4	Landfill inspections
1	Health Fair at the vocational school
1	Lead determination
1	Water bottling inspection
1	Ice cream manuf. plant inspection
2	Orders issued
1	School inspection
1	Dormitory inspection
1	Massage salon inspection
2	Day camp inspections
1	Inspection of handicapped housing
1	Inspection of fuel oil at Bostik

Money received from licenses/permits \$43,951.07 as follows:

Septic.....	99
Perc	77
Well	40
Food	26
Milk	38
Soft serve	4
Tobacco	18
Camp	2
Hotel/motel	2
Pools.....	3
Hot tubs	8
Hauler	7
Installer	45
Tanning.....	1
Massage	1
Milk dealer	1
Milk manuf.	1
Syringe	1

Copies, regulations, test strips, North Shore Recycled Fibers for (paper recycling) are included in fees collected.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The building boom in our Town continues unabated. Not since the last ice sheet gouged out valleys and dumped hills has so much of the area's outer crust been disturbed so drastically. You have but to look right or left when proceeding down Boston Street to see the temporary devastation. It was but a year and a half ago that one of our agents walked with a developer and his engineer through a fine oak forest along Old Haswell Park Road. Canada mayflowers, huckleberry bushes, and ferns were their woodland carpet. A clear stream meandered through a nearby wetland on its way to Punchard's Brook. Within a month of that visit the trees and topsoil had been cleared from broad swaths, the future roads. Since then that scene has been repeated at nearby



Blueberry Hills and just up Boston Street across from the entrance to Middleton Pond. Large houses soon followed the infrastructure of these

developments. It is our responsibility to protect the wetlands around the uplands where development occurs. To this end we use the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, Middleton zoning bylaws which protect Conservancy Districts, a Board of Health regulation which does not allow new septic systems within 100 feet of wetlands, and as of last year the Rivers Protection Act.

The big environmental news statewide this fiscal year was the passage on August 6, 1996 of the Rivers Protection Act. It established 200 ft. restrictive zones along either side of rivers and perennial streams called riverfront areas. These areas start at the river/stream bank and extend outward 200 ft. In the inner 100 ft. there are strict limitations on activities, such as, building, excavating, paving, and cutting. This "inner riparian" band is essentially a no-disturbance zone. In the outer 100 ft. (100 to 200 ft. from bank) some development is allowed. People planning to work within 200 ft.

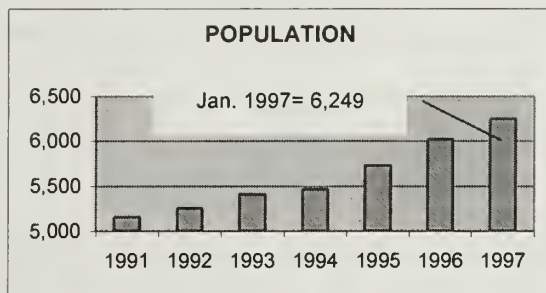
of a river/perennial stream must file with the Commission. Middleton has approximately 9 miles of Ipswich River and 13 miles of major tributaries which will receive additional protections under this act. As many as 400 acres, which are not now protected, may come under its jurisdiction. In carrying out our responsibilities in FY 1997, we the Commissioners and our agents have:

- ✦ Held 16 public meetings.
- ✦ Heard 16 Requests for Determination of Applicability.
- ✦ Reviewed and acted upon 28 Notices of Intent (work planned by applicants near wetlands).
- ✦ Issued 27 Orders of Conditions (orders to protect wetlands adjacent to work).
- ✦ Issued 8 Certificates of Compliance (compliance with orders completed).
- ✦ Issued 1 Enforcement Order for a violation of the Wetland Protection Act. (Minor violations are usually handled by letter ordering compliance. Several such letter orders were issued.)
- ✦ Issued 5 amendments, or changes, to Orders of Conditions.
- ✦ Continued litigation against three violators of the Act. One was tried and found "not guilty" in District Criminal Court. At the end of the fiscal year trial dates had been set for the remaining two.
- ✦ Conducted approximately 160 site inspections.
- ✦ Received \$4,387 in filing fees which were turned into the General Fund.
- ✦ Formed an Open Space Subcommittee to write an Open Space Plan for the Town.

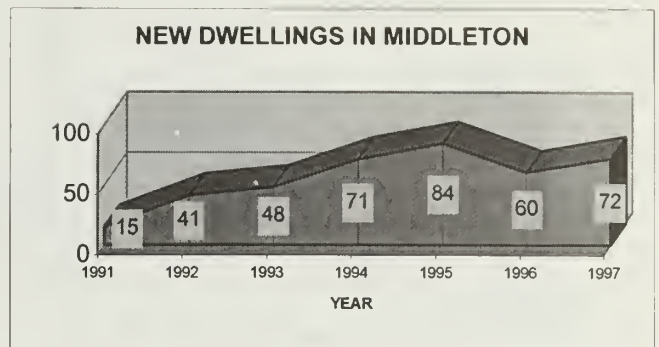
In October 1996 a new Open Space Committee was formed under the leadership of Commissioner Sally Macdonald. At meetings through the winter and spring an Open Space Plan for the Town was roughed out. In May the Committee sent a questionnaire to 3000 households, responses totaled 251. The questions with a tally of the responses for each is attached as an appendix to this report. The Plan should be ready for submission to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management by December

1997. If it is accepted, the Town will be eligible for matching funds and grants to be used for the acquisition of land for open space and recreation.

For the past two years this report has included graphs showing growth in Middleton this decade. This growth, which puts increased pressure on the Town's resources, obviously increases the importance of protecting our invaluable wetlands which function to recharge ground water; to filter water before it enters our wells, streams, and ponds; to control floods; and to provide wildlife habitat. Here, once again, are the graphs with last year's growth included.



While the Town has experienced a net population gain, there was an important loss this spring when longtime Conservation Commission Chairman, Dr. Robert Lambe, and family moved from Middleton. He had been an expert (a hydrologist) member of the Commission since joining in 1989. The vacancy left by his departure has been filled by Glenn Bambury a longtime member of the Recycling Committee and an active member of the Open Space Committee. Leonard Kupreance, member of the Commission since its formation over 25 years ago, was elected chairman.



If you have any questions regarding the Town's natural resources please contact Leo Cormier or Pike Messenger at 777-1869, or write:

c/o Conservation Commission
195 North Main Street
Middleton, MA 01949.

Respectfully,

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Leonard Kupreance, Chairman
Gertrude Dearborn
Warren Haas
Sally Macdonald
Glenn Bambury

AGENTS

Leo Cormier,
Conservation Administrator
and Health Agent

Pike Messenger
Assistant Conservation Administrator

SECRETARIES

Mary Farley, Conservation Secretary
Helen Freedman
(also secretary to Board of Health, Planning Board, and Board of Appeals)

Summary of Open Space Survey Results

Question 1

	Average (not median)
How long have you lived in Middleton?	17.8
How many adult members are in your family/household?	2.0
How many children under 5 years are in your family/household?	0.20
How many children 5-12 years are in your family/household?	0.25
How many young adult 13-18 years are in your family/household?	0.18

Question 2

Please indicate the zoning of your home:

Zoning:	2 acre	1 acre	1/2 acre	Village	Misc.	Total
Number of respondents:	33	97	68	46	7	251

Question 3

Do you consider Middleton:

	Yes	No	No Response
• a rural Town?	169	47	35
• a suburb of Boston?	86	104	61
• a bedroom community?	79	106	66
• a Town in transition?	187	25	39

Question 4

Please indicate how you feel about living in Middleton.

	Like	Dislike	Neutral	No Response
•it has forests and farmlands	242	1	6	2
•it has water and wetlands	217	6	21	7
•it has land still to develop	103	84	54	10
•it is in close proximity to Boston	188	18	39	6
•the school system	155	10	80	6
•it enables many outdoor activities	181	4	55	11
•it's zoning allows diversity, promoting various businesses, it's not just a bedroom community	117	53	69	12
•tax rate (presently \$13.98 per \$1,000)	76	83	82	10
•lack of public transportation	90	82	74	5

Question 5

How important is to to you to preserve (5=very important; 4=important; 3=neutral; 2=less important; 1=not at all important):

	5	4	3	2	1	N/R
•buildings of historical or architectural interest	142	66	19	12	7	5
•farmlands and/or forests	188	40	12	1	3	7
•open spaces to meet our water and conservation needs	192	42	5	3	4	5
•open spaces to meet our recreation needs	154	49	29	7	6	6
•wetlands and floodplains	162	46	25	7	6	5
•open space to preserve the scenic character of Town	175	45	17	4	2	8
•open space to preserve wildlife habitat	170	45	22	6	2	6
•open space for hunting	38	16	40	39	118	-
•rivers and streams	181	46	10	5	2	7
•open space to preserve real estate value	146	52	32	9	6	6

Question 6

Evaluate how strong your commitment is to open space. Which of the following specific actions would you undertake, personally:

	Yes	No	No Response
•contribute land to the Town	39	170	42
•donate money to a land acquisition fund	98	110	43
•if you say yes to donating money, how much?	75 replied: 24 total \$4,275 one-time only 51 total \$6,825. annually		
•rewrite your deed to limit future use of your land	64	132	55
•sell land to the Town at a "bargain price"	31	156	64
•sell or contribute a conservation restriction to protect your land from future development	103	94	54
•sell some land to the Town at fair market value	87	106	58

Question 7

What *actions* do you favor the Town to take to preserve open space?

	Yes	No	No Response
•enforce existing conservation restrictions	230	11	10
•adopt zoning for open space conservation, for example, cluster zoning	134	99	18
•have the Town purchase development rights to desirable parcels	184	48	19

Question 8

What *actions* do you favor the Town take for the purchase of open space?

	Yes	No	No Response
•have the Town purchase land using the General Fund	128	86	37
•purchase land using a combination of Town, State and private monies	187	39	25
•establish a land acquisition fund to be augmented annually for the purchase of desirable parcels	187	34	30
•become a supporter of landbank regulation	160	65	26
•give the Town the right of first refusal relative to the sale of non-taxable lands	207	29	15
•increase your annual tax rate by:	0 = 76; 10c = 22; 20c = 27; 30c = 16; 40c = 7; 50c = 61; 60c = 1; 70c = 4; \$1 = 14		

Question 9

How satisfied are you with Middleton's existing recreation facilities?

For children and youth

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
33	67	97	33	5

For adults

Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
29	49	108	46	8

Question 10

Please indicate the *number of times* you have visited each (or any) of the following open space areas in the last twelve months:

2355	Middleton Pond	604	Thunder Bridge
350	Essex County Greenbelt lands	753	Middleton Golf Course
174	Dellea Field	1088	Fuller Meadow School
2224	Howe Manning School	153	Hector Park
57	Essex County: Peabody St Res	96	Essex County: Curtis Farm Res
52	Essex County: John Fuller Res	93	Essex County: Richardson Meadow
295	Boxford State Forest	729	Harold Parker State Forest
461	Danvers State Hosp (Community Gdns)	181	Middleton Colony
14	New England Forestry Foundation	other: Old Railway; Bradley Palmer; Mem Hall Playground; Ipswich River	

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

During fiscal 1997 the Middleton Transfer Station moved to a new location near the brand new transfer station. This location is secure within the fenced-in transfer station area and also offers more room for future expansion. This added convenience seems to have encouraged Middleton residents to recycle more.

In fiscal 1997 Middleton recycled approximately 397 tons of primary recyclables. This is a 12% increase over fiscal 1996. Materials recycled include:

Mixed Paper	225 tons
Glass	30 tons
Tin & Aluminum cans	10 tons
Scrap metal	125 tons
Plastic	7 tons



The DPW continues to collect leaves and grass clippings to be composted for projects in Town. Many Middleton residents have compost piles in their backyards. As of the end of fiscal 1996, sixty-five Middleton residents had purchased low cost compost bins through a grant administered by Essex County. These bins will again be available in the Spring.

Over 2,000 gallons of used motor oil were collected and used to heat the DPW garage and forty Middleton residents took advantage of the 10th annual Household Hazardous Waste collection in November of 1996.

Recycling in Middleton continues to bring money into the town coffers in addition to reducing the cost of trash disposal.

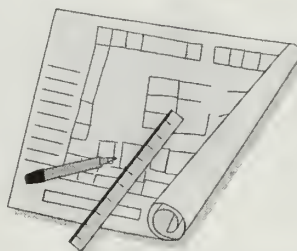
Remember, resident who do not use the landfill can still use the recycling center by obtaining a recycling only sticker at the Treasurer's office. For complete information about recycling in Middleton, residents can call the E-Call hotline at 1-800-800-6881. Callers will be asked to enter their zip code on a touch tone phone. They will then hear a recording of up to date information about recycling, including dates of Household Hazardous Waste Events when they are available. This service to the town residents is sponsored by the Topsfield, Boxford, Middleton League of Women Voters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Morrin, Chairman
Glenn Bambury
Leo Cormier
Nancy Jones
Robert Kelley
Pike Messenger
Robert Porteous
Dennis Roy

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency representing 101 cities and towns in the metropolitan Boston area. Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, it serves as a forum for state and local officials and provides technical planning assistance and service delivery to its member communities. MAPC works with cities and towns through eight subregional organizations whose members are appointed by chief elected officials and planning boards. The Council provides the subregions with financial, planning and administrative support, and offers technical aid on selected special projects. MAPC is a designated Economic Development District of the federal Economic Development Administration and as one of 14 members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program.



MAPC completed another successful year of working with its communities, state agencies, various non-profit groups, universities, businesses, special interest coalitions, state and federal legislators, and other regional planning agencies. The agency held at least 15 regularly scheduled meetings each month, eight of which were in the different subregions. These meetings plus special workshops, seminars, focus groups, and conferences linked together the hundred of issues and individuals who are part of the Boston area's and the nation's planning scene. It was this network that provided the energy, vision and focus for MAPC's activities in the region.

After years of concern about the role of local governments in state transportation planning and funding decisions, 1997 saw a landmark achievement in the formation of a new Boston area MPO. The reorganization was the outcome of federally supported mediation, with MAPC serving as a key negotiator for a stronger state/local partnership. MPO voting members now include seven cities and towns, along with seven state and regional agencies, including

MAPC. The municipal and regional members of the MPO area responsible for programming about \$40 million per year in local road and bridge projects, about one-third of the total funds available for the metropolitan region. MAPC works with communities to develop a list of local projects to be programmed for funding.

In September, the first Transportation Improvement Program was adopted by the new MPO. The TIP also included \$10 million for "Enhancement projects", and \$3 million for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects. As a regional planning agency MAPC's role is in both the Enhancement and TDM programs is to solicit proposals and prescreen them for funding eligibility.

As always, the agency also participated in a variety of transportation related projects.

One of the major efforts this year involved working on the Transportation Summit meeting that was held in Springfield. This effort was organized to support the reauthorization of ISTEA and help assure that federal transportation funding for New England is not diminished. MAPC completed a three-year Pavement Management system project that involved the inspection of all federal-aid eligible roadways throughout the entire MAPC region. A report on the over 3,000 miles of road that were inspected was submitted to the Massachusetts Highway Department.

A new project that was organized last year was the Metropolitan Greenspace Initiative. Over 65 environmental and historic preservation organizations have indicated their interest in participating in this effort that MAPC is currently staffing. As part of this project the agency has produced a map that illustrates the development growth in the greater Boston area from 1970 to 1991. The accompanying data documents the results of urban sprawl that has occurred showing a 15% growth in land development with only a 5% growth in population. MAPC staff has also been working with graduate students at

the Harvard Graduate School of Design on a report outlining the potential for open space protection as the region continues to grow. During the past year the agency increased its association with the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area planning project with the expectation that the agency will become one of the groups officially involved in the establishment of this new federal/state facility.

MAPC produced a number of publications during 1997. This past year the agency published its first yearly calendar with each month displaying maps containing different demographic data of interest to communities in the region and their residents. The Data Center also published a report Top Employers, which listed by community the number of employees per establishment in the region. Other recent projects include a Title 5 compliance computer software application for Ashland and Hopkinton, economic forecasting for several agencies, school enrollment forecasts for several communities, and updates to the community profile series. The Data Center, working with Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts Boston, also completed a collaborative project known as The Massachusetts Electronic Atlas. This atlas provides access via the Internet to information on the 351 cities and towns in the state. All the information can be downloaded.

The GIS Lab completed numerous projects for both individual communities and for the region as a whole. Staff worked with Watertown on developing a tree inventory for the community. They also completed a wireless communication siting study for one of the subregions, an open space update for another, and a comprehensive regional zoning report for subregions, an open space update for another, and a comprehensive regional zoning report for yet another. GIS staff conducted a number of workshops on parcel data automation and acted as an information resource for municipalities interested in beginning or expanding their GIS programs.

In addition to playing a major role on a number of regional boards and commissions, the staff also applied for and received grants to investigate shared services in one of the subregions and also to help communities deal with the issue of utility deregulation. MAPC continued to participate with the South Weymouth Naval Air Station reuse planning project. One MAPC staff member was contracted to work part time for the Town of Rockland on planning issues related to the base closure and reuse.

In 1997, the agency also completed a project that focuses on opportunities for bolstering the shoreline seafood processing and distribution industries in the Commonwealth, including an analysis of the importance of the industry to affected coastal communities in Massachusetts.



MAPC updated its Overall Economic Development Program for 1997, analyzing the regional economy and economic development needs, and revising the list of projects eligible for federal funds through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The agency administered a Community Adjustment Planning Grant provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to examine community responses to defense industry downsizing and evaluate defense dependencies of small and mid-sized municipalities. The project included several focus groups and a regional forum. A final report on strategies to adjust and diversify local economies in response to reduced defense spending will be completed in early 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Soule, Executive Director

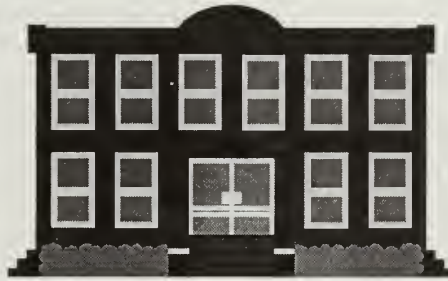
MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee

Thomas Skinner, Chairman	Term expires	1999
Douglas Mathews, Vice Chairman	Term expires	2000
Gimmie Sue Valacer, Secretary	Term expires	2000
Roger Drysdale	Term expires	1998
Paul Woodbury	Term expires	1999
Deb Geisler	Term expired	1997

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATION

The Middleton School Committee holds regular monthly meetings generally once per month throughout the school year. Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month at the Fuller Meadow School. Additional working sessions and meetings for special purposes such as budget and policy development are also scheduled. Interested citizens should check notices at Town Hall which are posted two days or more in advance of any scheduled meeting. Sessions are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. Individuals or groups may suggest an item to be placed on the agenda by forwarding a written request to the Superintendent of Schools or the Chairperson of the School Committee.



The School Committee has all the powers conferred on it by state law and must perform those duties mandated by the state. Its responsibilities are varied but relate primarily to policy determination. Some of the duties of the School Committee include:

- Preparation of an annual budget
- Program evaluations
- Approval of curriculum and materials
- Planning school services
- Collective bargaining
- Public relations

While the School Committee acts directly as the policy making body relative to general educational policy, it seeks input from a variety of sources in its deliberations. The

School Committee actively seeks the counsel and support of the administration, staff, School Councils, PTO, parents and the community. This input is generated through written and verbal communication within the school community, biannual Open Forums on pertinent topics (e.g. curriculum, school hours, transportation) and working closely with other Town Boards and committees. Individuals and groups wishing to address the School Committee at a meeting may do so on the agenda under "Remarks from the Public" or contact the chairperson by telephone or in writing.

MILESTONES

In May 1997, Deb Geisler completed her term service as a member of the Middleton School Committee.

Ms. Geisler chose not to seek reelection to the Committee. During her term of service Ms. Geisler served as a member of the School Building Committee and the Educational Technology Committee. Her contributions are most appreciated and will be missed.

STRATEGIC PLANNING/ DISTRICT GOALS

In January of 1994, as part of their strategic planning process the School Committee drafted a Mission Statement and a set of Core Values to serve as the foundation for future goal setting and decision making. These statements were refined through an open process involving parents, staff, and the school community. The adopted statements are as follows:

Mission Statement

The missions of the Middleton Elementary Schools, in cooperation with family and community, are to instill a joy of learning in all students, to promote academic excellence, to be supportive of children's social and emotional needs, and to constantly strive for improvement in these areas.

Core Values of the Middleton Elementary Schools

All children can be successful if they: are provided with opportunities to learn, are active in their own education, and are exposed to a variety of enriching experiences at school and home.

A strong climate of respect between children and the entire school community is necessary for children to reach their potential as productive students and citizens.

Effective education must be a partnership between school, home and community.

The School Committee completed its first Three-Year Strategic Plan during the 1996-1997 school year and has adopted a new Strategic Plan for 1997-2000. Within the Three-Year Strategic Plan cycle the School Committee adopts on a yearly basis measurable objectives designed to meet the targeted goals.

The District Goals for 1994-1997, developed with school-based and district input, were as follows:

1. Curriculum

To insure consistency and continuity in the delivery of the most current and research-based curriculum by providing:

- adequate, appropriate texts and materials
- effective, high impact professional development
- appropriate student progress and program assessment tools
- accountability through administrative support, monitoring, and evaluation

2. Technology

To plan for the utilization of technology as a communications and teaching tool which integrates with curriculum in a manner that:

- promotes more effective learning
- reflects how information and resources are accessed, analyzed, and communicated in the real world
- promotes critical thinking skills

3. Learning Needs

To provide an educational environment, instructional strategies, and learning opportunities that address the diverse learning needs of all students within and outside classrooms.

4. Physical Plant

To provide physical plant facilities that maximize the range of learning opportunities through the provision and maintenance of adequate space and equipment.

The major function of the School Committee continues to be the provision of the highest quality educational program within available funding resources. The grade level structure has located Kindergarten through Grade Two at the Fuller Meadow School and Grade Three through Grade Six at the Howe-Manning School. The completed expansion and renovation of the Fuller Meadow School has resulted in the relocation of the preschool and Grade Three to Fuller Meadow for the 1996-97 school year.

Curriculum renewal continues to be provided through a strategic planning effort, which addresses each major curriculum area on a seven-year cycle. The 1996-1997 school year was first year of implementation of a revised Language Arts Curriculum. The implementation will continue during the 1997-98 school year. Materials for this implementation are being acquired over a two-year period. The State Department of Education approved a five-year technology plan during the 1996-97 school year. New curriculum revision initiatives presently underway include Science, Music, Art and Physical Education.

School Management

The principal is responsible for the daily operation of each school. This responsibility includes curriculum, instruction, personnel matters, student issues and physical plant.

School Councils are in place in each school. Members include the principal, parents (elected), teachers (elected), and a community member (appointed by the principal). The role of the School Council is to advise the principal on areas of school improvement. A three-year School Improvement Plan is developed by each School Council and approved by the School Committee.

The Superintendent is appointed by the Tri-Town School Union Committee (Superintendency Union 58). The School Union Committee jointly employs the Superintendent (PK-6), Assistant Superintendent, Administrator of Special Education, Director of Facilities and Operations as well as the secretarial and bookkeeping staff of the Central Office. The Superintendent acts as the Chief Executive Officer of the School Committee in the operation of the schools.

School Administration Tri-Town School Union

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
BERNARD F. CREEDEN, ED. D.

ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
VICKIE CHARLTON
CHERI WEBB, PH.D.
(APPOINTED JULY 1997)

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SCHOOL
OPERATIONS
CRAIG ROBINSON
DONALD BREMBERG
(INTERIM FEBRUARY TO MAY 1997)
KEVIN MCGANN
(APPOINTED JULY 1997)

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GRADES PK-3
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Assistant Principal

RUTH DEALY
OFFICE: FULLER MEADOW SCHOOL
GRADES PK-3

Preschool Coordinator

DEANNE SHININGER (1996/97)
RUTH DEALY (1997/98)
OFFICE: FULLER MEADOW SCHOOL
750-4756

Fuller Meadow School Teachers 1996-1997	
Catherine Driscoll	Kindergarten
Jeanne Lordan	Kindergarten
Jennifer Fuller	Grade One
Beverly Napieracz	Grade One
Kimberly (Dugan) Morin	Grade One
Janet Riley	Grade One
Barbara Putnam	Grade One
Stacey Begin	Grade Two
Eileen Mulligan	Grade Two
Louise Kennedy	Grade Two (.5) /Reading (.5)
Sheila Standing	Grade Two (.5) /Reading (.5)
Debra Cameron	Grade Two



Howe-Manning School Teachers 1996-1997	
Kelly Hobey	Grade Three
Jeralyn O'Connor	Grade Three
Joyce Williamson	Grade Three
Ruth Dealy	Grade Three (.5) Asst. Prin. (.5)
Susan Costas	Grade Three (.5)
Mary Anne Amero	Grade Four
Barbara Deeley	Grade Four
Judy Foley	Grade Four
Kevin Husson	Grade Five
Stephen Belgiorno	Grade Five
Cynthia Melancon	Grade Five
Carolyn White	Grade Five
Jane Ditto	Grade Six
Mary Pelrine	Grade Six
Jean Poirier	Grade Six
Susan Olmsted	Grade Six

Specialists 1996-1997	
Diane Hekimian	Art
Fran Pierce	Music
Ann Montani	Physical Education (.6)
Patricia Haines	Physical Education (.4)
Maureen Leuke	HM/ Guidance (.5)
Deanne Shiningier	HM/FM Resource Room (.5)
Lisa Besen	HM/Resource Room (.5)
Christine Burditt	FM/ Resource Room
Muriel Gravalles	HM/ Resource Room
Louise King	HM/ Resource Room
Carlotta Miller	FM/ HM Speech & Language
Aimee Carter	FM/ Speech & Language (.2)
Penny Rogers	HM/ Reading (.5)
Ann Daniels	HM/ Library
Susan Halsey	FM/ Library Aide
Marie Pelletier	HM/ Title One
Janice Crounse	FM/ Title One (PT)
Sandra Rubchinuk	Preschool
Julie Norris	Preschool

Instructional Aides	
Mary Ellen Cerullo	HM/ Preschool
Faith McCarthy	HM/ Preschool
Chris Wojciechowski	HM/ Preschool
Sharon Labastie	HM/ Preschool
Cindy Dellea	FM/ Kindergarten
Mary Davis	FM/ Kindergarten
Janet Bilecki	FM/ Special Education
Beth O'Brien	FM/Special Education
Christina Christianson	FM/Special Education
Tracy Cleveland	HM/Special Education
Carol Guthrie	HM/Special Education
Rachel Frazier	HM/Special Education
Dina Bettencourt	HM/Special Education
Carolyn Thompson	HM/Special Education

Therapists (Part Time)

Gary Marques
Registered Occupational Therapist
Cynthia Dupont
C.O.T.A.
Jeanne O'Dowd
C.O.T.A.
Anne D'Angelo
P.T.

Technology Assistant

Pamela Moline
HM/ FM Computer Lab

School Physician

William Wiswell, M.D.

School Nurses

Dale Marshall
Jennifer Gilardi

Fuller Meadow
Howe-Manning

School Secretaries

Joan Garber
Alice Tierney

Fuller Meadow
Howe-Manning

Food Service

Tynne Sweeney
Ann Richardson
Patricia Gettings
Sheila Lischner
Ann Couture
Irene Ashley
Nancy Thurber
Sandra Pollock
Sharon McCarthy

Director
Fuller Meadow
FM/ Cashier
FM/ Lunch Aide
FM/ Lunch Aide
Howe-Manning
Howe-Manning
HM/ Cashier
HM/ Lunch Aide

Custodians

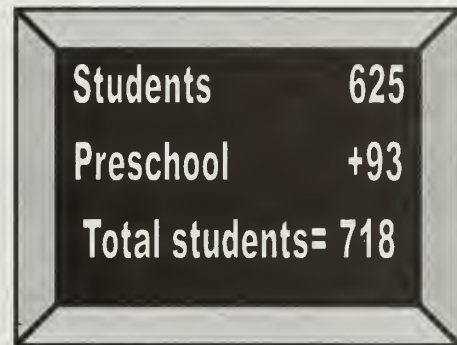
Ernest Morin
Carol Twombly
Manny Correia
George Lougee
William McGuire
Justin Magnifico

Head Custodian
Fuller Meadow (PT)
Howe-Manning (PT)
Howe-Manning (PT)
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Fuller Meadow (PT)

School Enrollment October 1, 1996

GRADE	PS	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fuller	(93)	90	83	108				
Meadow								
Howe					102	73	86	83
Manning								

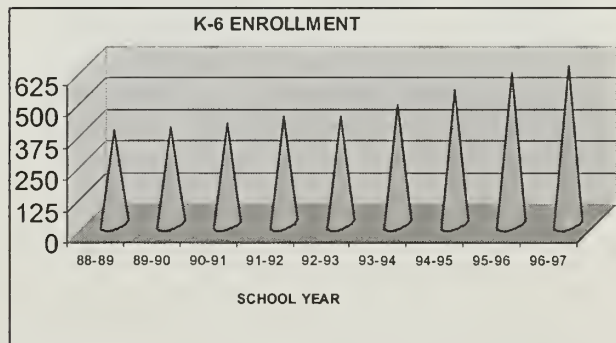
DISTRICT TOTAL



ENROLLMENT TRENDS 1988-1996

YEAR	K-6	Increase	Percent Increase
1988-89	371	25	7.0%
1989-90	382	11	3.0%
1990-91	396	14	3.5%
1991-92	426	30	7.5%
1992-93	427	1	0.0%
1993-94	475	48	11.2%
1994-95	530	55	10.4%
1995-96	582	52	9.8%
1996-97	625	43	6.9%

The above figures indicate an increase in enrollment in the Middleton Elementary Schools of 254 students over a nine-year period. This represents a 68% increase in the student population over this time period.



Fiscal Operation

The budget development process is an extensive and involved task during which the Committee must make difficult decisions to bring into balance both the financial concerns of the community and elements of high quality, appropriate educational services. Increasing costs associated with increased enrollment, school transportation, special education, building maintenance, and minimal salary increases, must be addressed with consideration of uncertain fiscal support from the state.

The School Department Budget 1996-1997	
General Administration and Supervision	\$ 257,533
Instructional Salaries	1,283,559
Instructional Materials	80,178
Other School Services	35,497
Regular Transportation	122,761
Fuel and Power	50,503
Building Operations and Maintenance	134,958
Fixed Charges	175,000
Special Education	500,614
TOTAL	\$2,640,603

Grants

In the area of Special Education, PL 94-142 and Early Childhood/Integrated Preschool are two continuing grants that partially fund a part time guidance counselor, special needs aides, a part-time preschool coordinator and a limited amount of teacher in-service training. The E.S.E.A. Title I Program is funded by a federal education grant. This program provides compensatory educational support in Mathematics to identified students in Grades 2-6. An Eisenhower Title III Math and Science Grant supports staff development programs in elementary mathematics, science and technology integration.

A grant from the Federal Safe and Drug Free Schools Program was used to provide training and materials for implementation of the Here's Looking at You 2000!, as well as other safety and substance abuse prevention initiatives in the two schools. A Federal Title VI Grant was used to extend the implementation of technology at Howe Manning.

The school systems of Middleton, Boxford, and Topsfield including Masconomet were awarded for the fourth year a continuing Comprehensive Health Education and Human Services grant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This grant continues to be used to support health curriculum implementation, teacher training and parent education K-12.

The Massachusetts Department of Education funded a Curriculum Frameworks Grant which was used to investigate the impact of state curriculum frameworks on local curriculum and instruction. The funds were used to support the efforts of the Science Curriculum Committee and the Fine Arts/Physical Education Curriculum Committee.

The Tri-Town Educational Foundation is a non-profit local citizens' group that raises funds for the sole benefit of the Middleton, Topsfield, and Boxford Schools and Masconomet. During the 1996-1997 school year, funding provided by the Tri-Town Education Foundation has supported innovative program initiatives totaling more than \$18,000.00 in area schools. Since 1986, the Tri-Town Educational Foundation has raised more than \$150,000 from the Tri-Town communities and has funded more than 140 innovative programs.

The Middleton Board of Trade's "Best Bet" initiative once again generously supported the funding of field trips, student incentives and assembly programs in both schools as well as audiovisual equipment including televisions and video cassette recorders.

Educational Reform

The Massachusetts Board and Department of Education have completed the state curriculum frameworks required by the Education Reform Act of 1993. The curriculum Frameworks in Science Technology, Mathematics, Arts, World



Third grade and preschool students plant flower bulbs in the new Fuller Meadow School courtyard.

Languages, and Health were adopted in 1995. The English Language Arts and History and Social Science frameworks were adopted in 1997. The frameworks in Mathematics, Science and Technology, English Language Arts, and History and Social Science will serve as a basis for statewide testing in grades 4, 8 and 10. The approval of these frameworks sets the stage for the next education reform component, the administration of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) based on the curriculum frameworks. Beginning in the spring of 1998, students in grades 4, 8, 10 will be tested in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science and Technology; MCAS will include History and Social Science in the spring of 1999.

During the 1996-97 school year, the State Board of Education instituted a Grade 3 Reading Test which was administered to all third grade students at Howe-Manning School in May. Results indicate that 85% of Howe-Manning third graders tested under routine conditions achieved performance at the Proficient or Advanced Reader level, while 15% achieved performance at the Basic Reader level and no students were considered to be Pre-Readers. Statewide results indicated that 69% of students scored at the Proficient or Advanced Reader Levels, 21% scored at the Basic Reader Level and 6% at the Pre-Reader level.

Curriculum Development

In accordance with the regular curriculum development cycle, a broad-based Elementary Science Committee consisting of teachers, administrators, and parents from Middleton, Topsfield, and Boxford was initiated in October 1996 to begin the review and research phase of the process for renewing this curriculum. An extensive review of research, literature, and successful practices will serve as the foundation for the system wide philosophy and curriculum resource guide for learning standards and content designed to meet the requirements of the State Curriculum Frameworks. The 1996-97 school year will serve as a field test year with classroom teachers reviewing proposed units and materials under consideration for inclusion in a revised curriculum. The Science Curriculum



Committee expects to present a revised curriculum document to the School Committee for approval in May 1998. The Fine Arts and Physical Education Curriculum Committee is engaged in curriculum revision work as well. This Committee expects to present its revised work to the School Committee in June 1998.

Early Childhood Education

An integrated preschool program has been established at the Howe-Manning School to provide an environment in which both special needs and typical students share participation in a developmental learning, cost-effective, and purposeful program. Ninety-three children were enrolled in two, three, or four-day programs during the 1996-97 school year. The program moved to the Fuller Meadow School for 1997-98 school year.

Assessment Program

In June of each school year, the Middleton Elementary Schools have utilized the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in reading, language, math, and work-study skills in an effort to obtain detailed information on the ability and growth of individual students in numerous sub-skill areas so that appropriate instructional programs may be prescribed. These tests are administered in grades three and five. The National Achievement Test in reading and language arts was administered for the first time in June to grade two students. Results are shared with the teaching staff and individual student reports are sent home to parents. As part of the transition to Grade 7, Masconomet Junior High School personnel administer a math test and a writing sample to Grade 6 students in May.



Archeologists exploring

Results from all components of the standardized testing program are utilized in conjunction with direct teacher input in an attempt to monitor, evaluate, and continually fine-tune the instructional process. The administration is committed to an ongoing review of the assessment program in an

attempt to maximize consistency between curriculum goals and the system for evaluating those goals. Administrators and teachers continue to actively consider research-based alternatives to our current program that may better serve the needs of children.

Educational Technology

Educational technology combines new tools of learning (computers, software, videodisks, video production, CD-ROM, distance learning, networking and on-line services) to integrate, extend and enhance the teaching and learning process for students of all ages in all curriculum areas. To make use of these emerging technologies for classroom instruction the School Committee developed a five year plan which has been approved by the State Department of Education.

This plan offers a comprehensive approach designed to provide the tools, curriculum, staffing and professional development necessary to enable Middleton elementary school students to use educational technology effectively as part of their everyday learning.

The Technology Plan provides a course of action that will ultimately require the investment of \$500,000 from a variety of public and private sources from 1995-2000 in order to provide improved learning opportunities across the curriculum for all students; high quality professional development for all staff; parent and community education offerings; efficient telecommunications between the schools, Central Office, Masconomet, the public library, other town offices and eventually between home and school. Year Two of the plan was implemented during the 1996-1997 school year. Improvements at Fuller Meadow School have been the focus for Year Two. The Middleton School Building Committee has invested in capital computer equipment, furniture, electrical upgrades, wiring for networking and the equipment of a 25 station computer lab. Additional funds from the School Committee operating budget and a Capital Needs Warrant Article have supported equipment, staff development, and software acquisition. An Educational Technology Bond Bill Matching

Grant to the School Department, in the amount of \$17,460 is being used to assist with the development of networking capabilities in the two schools.

Goals

Four goals continue to give direction to the elementary schools technology initiatives for the period 1995-2000:



1. Provide a learning environment which enables students to master the appropriate uses of technology to produce higher achievement, increased creativity, greater application of critical thinking skills and the desire for life-long learning.
2. Provide evidence of the capability of educational technology to improve student learning.
3. Prepare teachers and staff for roles as learning facilitators through professional development opportunities.
4. Recognize and build on the human resources in the Middleton community to: share ideas and resources; generate strong support for educational technology; and develop partnerships which allow for the maximum use of technology to link curriculum and instruction at the elementary level, with Masconomet, with the town and regional library systems and other educational organizations.

Implementation of the plan continues to draw wide support from many constituencies in town. A major donation of used but serviceable computer hardware was received from the Daka Corporation during the summer of 1997. This donation resulted

from the efforts of members of the Technology Committee to seek contributions from a wide variety of private and public sources to support the implementation and integration of technology into the schools.

Additional support for technology initiatives has come from the Middleton PTO, the Tri-Town Education Foundation, the Middleton Education Foundation, a Bell Atlantic "Real Connections" Grant, as well as corporate and private contributions, in-kind donations and other grants.

Teacher In-Service Training and Professional Development

The Fuller Meadow School Council Improvement Plan, the Howe-Manning School Council Improvement Plan and the District Strategic Plan each place a strong emphasis on professional development and training for staff which focus upon identified curriculum and organizational priorities as well as the diverse learning needs of children. The primary areas of focus for



1995/96 and 1996/97 continued to include portfolio development, language arts, new approaches to the teaching of spelling, techniques for developing more inclusive classrooms, critical thinking skills, Talents Unlimited, and technology integration. The School Committee continues to provide resources within its budget for professional development. In addition, the application of available grant funds from the State Department of Education has been instrumental in creating opportunities for teachers and other staff to maintain and update their professional skills. The School Committee continues to believe that professional development for staff is an important investment that will result in improved learning opportunities for children and increased achievement.

Special Needs Education

School districts are mandated by state and federal laws to provide special education services to those students with a special need who require support in order to make effective educational progress and to ensure that these services occur in the least restrictive environment.

As of June 1997, there were 132 special needs students in the Middleton Elementary Schools including:

- 41 Fuller Meadow
- 67 Howe-Manning
- 4 out-of-district placements
- 20 preschoolers, 16 of whom are enrolled in the Middleton Integrated Preschool Program operated by the School Committee.

During the 1996-1997 school year, the Special Education staff consisted of a Special Education Administrator, a part-time assistant to the Administrator, a special education secretary. These three positions are cost shared with Boxford and Topsfield as part of the Tri-Town School Union. Special Education staff at Fuller Meadow and Howe-Manning include five full time and/or part-time resource room teachers, two integrated preschool teachers, fourteen full and part-time instructional aides (including those who work with specific individual students whose needs require one-on-one assistance), two part-time counselors, and a full time and part-time speech/language therapist.

Following the initiative of then member Georgia Lewis the School Committee undertook a study of the cost effectiveness of models used to deliver certain therapy services. As a result of this study the School Committee moved to employ directly part time staff to provide physical and occupational therapy services which had been a contracted service in previous years. This arrangement has resulted in a reduction of costs for these services to the town. Support services offered to students in the Middleton Schools range from monitoring their progress in the regular education classes and consulting with their regular

education teachers, to total academics in a substantially separate language-based program. As a school system, Middleton is committed to mainstreaming our special education students and continues to pursue effective ways to integrate our children into regular education programming.

When the need for specialized support services arises, the school department contracts with outside vendors. This past year different private agencies and individuals were utilized to provide occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

Middleton also belongs to the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative which is comprised of nine Merrimack Valley school districts who come together with shared concerns. The Collaborative provides programs for low incident special needs students, serves as a resource to address special education issues, and offers many needed support services.



Cartographers making island maps.

Parent involvement in Special Education is strongly encouraged and welcomed. Middleton, Topsfield, and Boxford parents of special education students have joined together to form the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC meets regularly during the school year. It has served as an arena for parents to discuss mutual concerns, arranged for a variety of interesting speakers, created a lending library, sponsored fund raising and other events, and provided input into the Special Education Department's programs and policies.

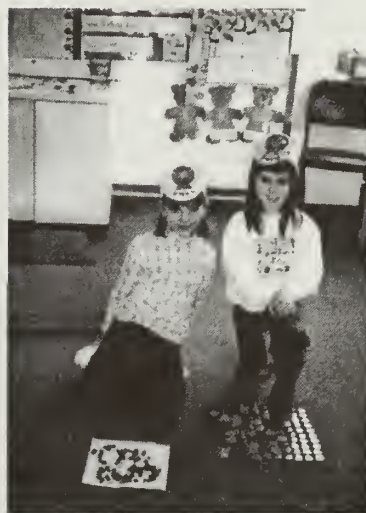
Closing Statement

The School Committee concluded the 1996-1997 school year with the realization that the promise of the confidence expressed in our schools as evidenced by the support of the taxpayers for the renovation and expansion of the Fuller Meadow School would come to fruition with the opening of the renovated and expanded facility including a library media center, technology classroom and gymnasium as well as fourteen new classrooms.

The School Committee continues to be most appreciative of the spirit and enthusiasm that is present in the community to help make our schools the best possible places to teach and learn.

Respectfully Submitted,

MIDDLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE



SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Come to the Fuller Meadow School open house and take a look at what your hard earned tax dollars paid for. I hope that you agree that we have successfully built a school that fulfills the Towns' original goals. One, being that the Town now has the capacity to handle the demand being put on our elementary school system well into the next millennium. We should now be able to maintain the class size suggested by the school committee. We have ended up with a modern environment that will give our children a superb atmosphere to learn in. The Town also is provided with a friendly place for all sorts of Town meetings. Whether you come here to be at a ball game at one of the new fields or attend any of the other extracurricular activities that seem to center around our schools, you should have a safe and enjoyable experience.

One of our other goals was to get the most bang for our tax dollar. I believe that we have accomplished this magnificently by the hard work and dedication of all the men and women who have unselfishly given of their time and energy. Our Town is receiving reimbursement from the Commonwealth, which will help us from the full monetary impact of paying 100% of this project. The committee also was lucky enough to have a cracker jack financial advisement group which consisted of the town administrator, town accountant, the superintendent's office, our architect and a few volunteers. With their guidance and the school building committee's uncanny knack of persevering, this project will end up in the black. The Town will get everything we wanted to from the beginning of this project and possibly have a few dollars left over.

It has been a long road traveled to get this project to this point. One that took many turns and hit some bumps as we traveled, but always seemed to get back on track quickly. For myself it has been a very rewarding experience, one that I would not hesitate to volunteer for again. From the beginning, when the Town voted unanimously to support this project, I was proud to be a member of our community, a town that gathered together and said "yes" to building and renovating an excellent school for our children to learn in.

This project was successful because of the dedicated men and women who volunteered for this building committee. It was through their tremendous effort that Middleton has a great Fuller Meadow school, at a good price, for our community to utilize and enjoy. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the committee for the hard work they gave. I would also like to say thanks to all the residents of our great town who have supported the building of this school.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Hosman
School Building Committee Chairman



NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

James Reynolds, Middleton Representative, North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee.

Edmund W. Barry, Jr., Superintendent-Director, North Shore Regional School District.

North Shore Technical High School, operated by the North Shore Regional Vocational School District, is in its sixth year of operation in its Middleton facility. The District administrative offices are located adjacent to the high school. The gymnasium is also a separate building located behind the school. The facility also includes a transportation building.

Student enrollment as of October 1, 1997 was 457. There continues to be a strong interest in vocational education and in the small, homelike atmosphere offered by North Shore. The school, however, continues to experience space shortages in classrooms, shop areas, the library, the cafeteria, and an auditorium is needed.

The Transportation Department provided transportation for 354 students on a daily basis to and from school. Also provided were three late buses, three days a week, to transport students home that stayed after school for various reasons.

Sports buses were provided to bring the students to and from practice fields as well as to all of the games. Late buses were provided on a daily basis to bring sports players home after games or practice.

The Ninth Grade Exploratory Program has students explore each vocational/technical area on a rotating basis and their performance is evaluated by the shop teachers to assist in proper student course selection for grade 10.

North Shore Technical High School also serves a large percentage of special needs students in an Inclusion Model in many classes. Interscholastic sports and intramural programs are conducted. The school also participates in the School-to-Work and Tech Prep Programs. The Cooperative Education Work Program allows qualified students to work at their trade prior to graduation.

Students from sixteen member communities, as well as several other North Shore communities, receive both academic instruction leading to a high school diploma and vocational-technical education in a wide variety of program areas leading to a vocational certificate. Student placement in trade-related employment, the military, and further education averages 98% per year.

The development of the physical education and athletic fields has taken a step forward. One area has been completed for use this Spring. This area will accommodate physical education classes and softball practice and games. The second area had all the site work finished, mainly through the effort of the Army National Guard. It is hoped that this Spring the baseball infield, irrigation system, backstop, and fencing can be completed. One HVAC unit has been replaced. The masonry addition is schedule for completion this month. With the assistance of the students in the various vocational programs, improvements have been made on the grounds.

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than 45 vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our community. The Program serves nearly nine hundred adult students participating in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include, computers, health, construction, welding, culinary, automotive and business skills. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

For those of you that have been asking about the rabies status, 1997 was very slow in Middleton, unlike our bordering Town. Danvers had seven rabid skunks in two months.

As you know, rabies is not gone, it is just in a predicted slow phase. As the population of wildlife grows, so will the cases of sick animals similar to what State Officials are seeing in other parts of Massachusetts. Those are the cities and Towns that were affected by the virus first.



Animals tested positive for rabies (by species) as of late 1997;

1,621	raccoons	3	horses
394	skunks	2	dogs
57	cats	1	pig
38	woodchucks	1	fisher cat
26	foxes	1	otter
11	cows	1	shrew
3	coyotes	1	beaver

Please note there are still some livestock in our Town. All livestock should be vaccinated. Those animals that were not mentioned were ponies and sheep.

As for the two dogs, they were both puppies under six (6) months of age, too young by law to have shots for the virus, but Massachusetts vets will give the vaccines earlier than 6 months. Both these dogs were exposed to wildlife with the rabies virus and then exposed to their family and friends. Over 50 people have had to undergo rabies treatment because of a lack of knowledge. When you get a new pup and it has not had shots yet, do not let it out of your sight. Also, get the shots at three (3) months old.

In other issues, due to the great cooperation with our leash law, there has been a notable drop in dogs being hit by cars, complaints of property damage, and bites to walkers, bikers and joggers. There are only a few people that still let their dogs out at night and expect them to return in the morning. This is not a sensible thought. When dogs are allowed to run free they are liable to find more than you could think of.

To update you on the new laws in Massachusetts, due to the number of traffic accidents involving dogs in the back of pickup trucks statewide, the state has approved a law prohibiting dogs to ride loose in the back of trucks. Both dogs and people in cars traveling behind them have been injured.

Also, pet stores are no longer required to give ferrets rabies shots before they are sold. This leaves the owner liable to get their pet ferret shots as soon as it is old enough. This is very important even if it is never allowed outside to be exposed. If there is an accidental bite, your ferret will be ordered euthanised by Fisheries and Wildlife.

"Health alert" for households that have reptiles for pets such as snakes, lizards and turtles. These pets have been implicated in the transmission of salmonella bacteria to the handlers. This may result in diarrhea and fever which can be life threatening in very young children. This will also affect people with low immunities and the elderly. This type of pet sheds the bacteria without appearing ill. People get it by not washing hands after touching the animal or cleaning the cage, but they can infect others in their household by hand to mouth contact. You must also keep reptiles out of the kitchen to prevent contamination of food.

It has been brought to the attention of Fisheries and Wildlife that most hunters in the Essex County area think they have the legal right to shoot any dog chasing or running down and killing deer. This has been the understanding for as long as I can remember. It must be pointed out this is not true. The law clearly states that the only people allowed to shoot a dog chasing deer are the Environmental Police or State Police.

I hope these facts have been of help to some of you and that you will pass them onto your friends that might not be aware of them.

In closing, I would remind you that our spring rabies clinic will be held the first Wednesday in May for all pets required by law to have shots. The Town Clerk will also be there to license your dogs.

Thanks to all the town officials that I have worked with the past year. I am pleased to work for the Town of Middleton.

Sincerely,

Betty Heckman
Inspector of Animals
Animal Control Officer



HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The purpose of the Historical Commission is to keep our people aware of the vast colonial experience of the former people of this community.

This year marks a particularly interesting incident in that we have created a historical site. Of course the site has always been there, but it was not marked so anyone would notice it.

The Historical Commission has erected a monument to our MINUTEMEN of 1775. It is located at 161 Essex St. near the home of Henry and Mary Tragert. The photographs show the names of the MINUTEMEN and the locale of the monument.

Now, if anyone asks you if there is a historical site in this Town, you can answer, "there certainly is".

The meetings of the Historical Commission are open to everyone.

Respectfully,

Richard O. Ajootian
Lorne C. Davis
Sarah B. George
John A. Goodwin
Mary T. Tragert
Robert W. Fox, Chairman



FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The exterior of the Flint Public Library has remained mostly unchanged through the years, but what occurs inside those walls continually changes. This year especially has seen many of those changes.

The traditional card catalog was closed effective December 31, 1996. Although the card catalog remains in the library, no new cards have been added since its closure. Patrons at the Flint now can use a computerized public catalog to locate materials. The computerized catalog enables patrons to find materials quicker and search more efficiently.

Shortly after the implementation of the computerized catalog the Flint installed Internet Access for our patrons. This enables our patrons to search other library collections as well as search the World Wide Web for information. As a member of the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium we were provided with a periodical database expanding our offerings in this area considerably. The Staff, as well as the Townspeople, are learning to navigate the Web and take full advantage of the opportunities it affords them.



The Cat in the Hat enjoys Halloween Fun

The computer used for Internet access also has CD-ROM capabilities. We can now offer interactive programs for designing landscaping or mapping out trips. It also adds sound and motion to other types of reference materials.

The library has been using an automated circulation system for about a year and a half. The staff is in total agreement on how wonderful it is.

It saves considerable time checking in materials and sending overdue notices is now a breeze. It provides the staff with better access to the information housed in our collection and we have better control over the circulation of materials. We hope to capitalize on other features this system has to offer next year.



Nancy Jones, Selectman and Ira Singer, Town Administrator, present the story Mortimer at Family Reading Night.

The Children's Room was fortunate to receive a donation of an excellent computer system with CD-ROM capabilities. We have purchased several CD-ROM programs for reference use and for enjoyment. This system also provides a word processing program and an ink-jet printer for quality copies. Patrons have found this to be a great addition to the Flint.

The demand for children's programming has led to an increase in the monthly craft programs. The traditional programs, 1 for pre-school through 2nd grade and the other for grades 3 and up were divided into 3 programs as follows: preschool and kindergarten; 1st and 2nd grades; 3rd grade and older.

The high use of the children's collection has made programming a challenge. Toddler programs and story hour programs are faced with many noisy distractions. Standing room only exists during entertainers' performances, preventing patron access to the book collection.

Class use of the library's facilities was at an all time high, with students from Howe-Manning School coming to the library during school hours. Three 3rd grade classes and three 4th grade classes come weekly or biweekly. Teacher use of

the collection for their classroom by both resident and non-resident teachers increased also.

Masconomet's Early Childhood Program under the direction of Ann Mannheim brought preschool classes with their high school students for a program again this year.

In August, the Flint ran a 4-H baby-sitters program. The seven-hour program results in a certificate to students who complete the requirements. This year there were twenty-four certificates awarded.

The Flint ran a workshop "PUPPETS, HOW TO MAKE AND USE THEM" for adults. The attendees were parents, childcare workers, teachers and librarians. This was well received by the 20 participants.



Smokey Bear greets children at the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Many other activities took place in the Children's Room this year including

- Keith Johnson's "WHY SCIENCE ISN'T ALWAYS PRETTY"
- Finger Painting
- Fun With Bubbles
- Teddy Bear Picnic with guest SMOKEY BEAR
- Martha Dana, Puppeteer and Storyteller
- Sidewalk Chalk Day
- Alicia Quintano, shared stories and songs from around the world
- Little Red Wagon Theater
- Wingmasters featuring Birds of Prey and Native American Craftwork

Activities that took place during NO TV WEEK were Book Talks, Board Games, Jump Rope, Family Reading Night and Crafts.



Dian Anderson, Volunteer, conducts a parent /toddler story time.

Story Hour for 3½ to 5 year olds is offered on Thursday morning and afternoon. Dian Anderson volunteers her time to offer a program for 2½ to 3½ year olds bi-monthly on Tuesday mornings.

A survey was mailed to all residents of Middleton asking for their evaluation of the services offered by the Flint. In general most respondents were very pleased with the Flint and the Staff but many Townspeople would like the Flint to be opened on weekends. It was also evident that many patrons were not aware of all the services provided by the Flint. An information sheet in response to the survey results was made available at the Flint and at Town Meeting. We continually try to keep Townspeople informed about programs and the variety of materials available at the Flint.

Our group of about 15 Tuesday morning volunteers continues with their tradition of excellent service to the Flint. This group helps to repair books, check-in magazines and shelve back issues of periodicals, write book orders and straighten and read shelves.

The Friends of the Flint continue to provide services and programs for the community through the Flint. Some of their work this year included: sponsoring monthly craft programs, sponsoring storytellers, providing Value Line and Value Line Expanded Investment Survey, making available passes to patrons for six museums in the Boston area and sponsoring a trip to the Boston Pops at Christmastime.

YEAR	86-87	91-92	96-97
Attendance	27,210	28,596	39,214
Circulation	23,899	39,445	60,127
Adult fiction	6,883	6,412	8,491
Adult non-fiction	2,751	2,409	4,265
Juvenile fiction	9,274	16,033	20,010
Juvenile non-fiction	2,216	6,201	8,380
Periodicals	2,550	3,375	4,335
Audio books	0	5	1,040
Museum passes	N/A	N/A	344
Cassettes/Book Sets	N/A	387	517
Videos	0	4,071	12,125
Other	225	552	620

As we approach a new fiscal year, our dream for the Flint is reflected in the 1967 words of Librarian, Philip E. Northway, "The desirable, attractive and functional elements of the existing structure will form the nucleus of a modernized structure capable of supporting the varied activities and services which a contemporary library should offer its community, in essence a functioning cultural, educational, and recreational center for all ages and all interests."

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gallerie,
Interim Director

Board of Library Trustees:

Elizabeth Kenney, Chairman
Theodore Butler
Marion Gilman
Theodore Novakowski
Leonard Stone



Parents and children alike enjoyed outdoor fun at the Flint during TV week.

The Board of Library Trustees welcomed William Dalton to their Board filling one of the two vacancies. Mr. Dalton brings a distinguished and knowledgeable background to the Board. It is hoped that the other vacancy will be filled by early July.



Parents and their children enjoy quiet time at the Flint.

In November, Shirley Raynard, Librarian resigned from the Flint after 22 years. The Board of Trustees did not immediately fill the position, but took some time to evaluate the needs of the Flint. Judy Gallerie, Assistant Director was appointed Interim Director. The Trustees decided to ask the Town of Middleton to increase the Director's position from 20 hrs/wk to 35 hrs/wk. The Annual Town Meeting approved the increase. At the present time the job has been advertised and 15 candidates have applied for the job. Over the summer months interviews will take place and a new Director will be chosen.

A "PUZZLE SWAP BOX" was made available during the winter months. Puzzles were available for anyone to borrow, take or swap for some they no longer wished to keep. Originally, it was thought that the swap box would be available only through the winter months, but it has become so popular it will be a year-round addition to the Flint.

Individual, group and memorial gifts this year made it possible for us to expand and update several of our non-fiction areas including sports and recreation, Shakespearean Criticisms, History, and Children's Science and Nature Reference Collection. Donations also helped to expand our Audio Book Section.

The collection at the Flint has continued to increase to over 27,000 volumes of books, 130 periodical subscriptions, 800 videos and 300 audio books. The demand for audio books has skyrocketed. Circulation of audio books increased 50% in one year. To keep up with the demand with little shelf space to house them, we have started to lease audio tapes. We choose a new supply every few months. We have also relied heavily on deposit collections from Boston Public Library and the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium.

This brings us to the topic that is constantly on our minds, the lack of space at the Flint. In the 1967 Annual Report it was written about the Flint, "the physical limitations of a late Victorian building which is monumental in design, but less functional than required in present times" is even more evident today. Thirty years later the impact of the size and design of the building is felt daily. Middleton's population has increased 60% since 1967. With this growth, a demand for library services has mushroomed. The circulation at the Flint has increased 130% over the last 10 years, 16.4% in the last year alone.



It is always a great day at the Flint when Santa visits

The population of Middleton is not only growing, but it is becoming more diverse, thus our collection should reflect this diversity. Unfortunately, we must consider each purchase very carefully because of lack of shelf space. Areas for quiet study are almost non-existent at the Flint and private meeting areas are not available. The Staff is using space to process 5,000 books, periodicals, videos and audio tapes that was designed for the days when 200 books and a few magazines were processed.

MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Member Of:

American Public Power Association

Northeast Public Power Association

Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts

The Board of Electric Light Commissioners respectfully submit their year end report for the period ending December 31, 1997.

One of the major accomplishments that occurred during 1997 was the settlement that was reached between Middleton Electric Light Department (M.E.L.D.) and M.I.T. The dispute, relative to interruptible load credits, dates back to 1993. Meetings were held in mid 1997 between M.E.L.D. and M.I.T. with both sides agreeing to mutual concessions. An agreement was entered into on September 30, 1997.

Another major focus that M.E.L.D. concentrated on during 1997 was preparation for the coming of deregulation, which will commence in 1998. Even though deregulation does not affect Municipals at this time, M.E.L.D. continues to prepare to assure our utility's ability to be competitive in this market.

In order to complete in the new deregulated environment, M.E.L.D. must implement state of the art innovations. One such improvement is the conversion to automated meter reading. The new meters transmit readings via radio signals that can be activated by hand-held devices up to 300 feet away. After the readings are recorded, they will be directly transferred to our billing computer, saving time and money while improving accuracy. Budget approval and initial installation will occur during 1998.

New computer hardware and software which will enhance utility billing, financial management, work orders, and inventory control will be purchased in 1998. This equipment will also alleviate the Y2K problems.

Major construction that was completed during 1997 included the reconductoring of 3550 feet of open wire construction to Hendrix construction on Boston Street. The installation of 52 new poles on East Street and the installation of 5200 feet of Hendrix construction. The removal of the existing open wire and the transfer of transformers and services will be performed in 1998. In addition, 25 poles were replaced and wires transferred to accommodate the reconstruction of Maple Street. M.E.L.D. expended in excess of \$50,000 to install underground facilities at the East and Maple Street location during 1997. It is estimated that an additional \$80,000 will be expended to complete this project.

Revenue increased by \$565,205 during 1997. Table 2 illustrates comparative revenues by customer class from 1991 through 1997. Energy increased by 5,962,400 kwh and demand decreased by 100 kilowatts during 1997. (See table 2.) Expenses increased by \$372,921 in 1997 (see table 3 that follows).

Middleton enjoyed the fourth lowest residential rates in the state during 1997. The residential rate comparison graph that follows illustrates Middleton's rate, compared to that of the municipal average and various investor owned utilities.

It is the commitment of the Electric Light Commission to provide the lowest rates possible which providing the most reliable service. With the customers continued support, M.E.L.D. will remain a valuable LOCAL asset for generations to come.

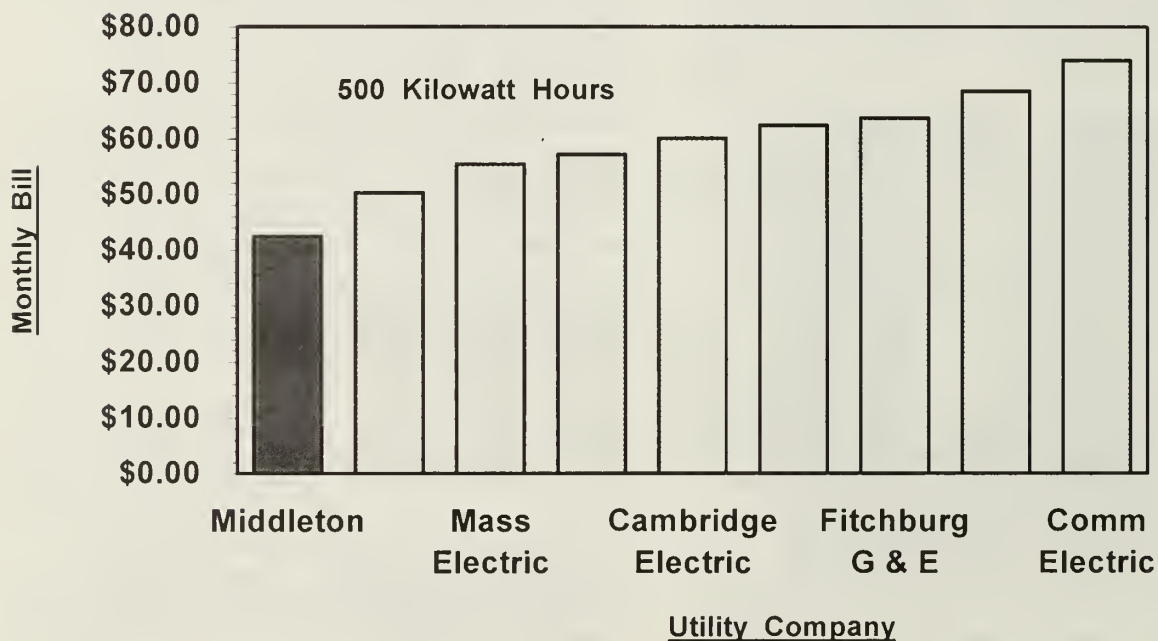
With the retirement of William E. Kelley in January, a new but familiar face appeared. Mark T. Kelly assumed the position of Manager on March 31, 1997.

M.E.L.D. extends it's appreciation for the cooperation extended by all the various departments and employees within the Town of Middleton and looks forward to the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Jones, Chairman
Richard Kassiotis
Charles s. Clinch, III
A. David Lenzie
Frank W. Twiss, Clerk

Residential Rate Comparison 12 Month Average Rate - 1997



MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET 1997

	Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
<u>ASSETS</u>			
UTILITY PLANT			
101 Utility Plant - Electric	6,487,501	6,646,315	158,814
FUND ACCOUNTS			
126 Depreciation Fund	1,676,978	1,750,036	73,058
127 Rate Stabilization Fund	2,130,112	2,250,267	120,155
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS			
131 Cash	353,697	994,945	641,248
132 Special Deposits	68,958	72,394	3,436
132 Working Funds	700	700	0
142 Customer Accounts Receivable	1,146,355	213,605	(932,750)
143 Other Accounts Receivable	35,858	30,395	(5,463)
146 Receivables from Municipality	46,701	7,069	(39,632)
151 Materials and Supplies	250,776	209,604	(41,172)
165 Prepayments	631,791	1,172,796	541,005
DEFERRED DEBITS			
183 Other Deferred Debits	29,392	27,690	(1,702)
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>12,858,819</u>	<u>13,375,816</u>	<u>516,997</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
SURPLUS			
206 Loans Repayments	1,194,500	1,294,500	100,000
207 Appropriations for Construction Repayments	10,041	10,041	0
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus	7,422,203	7,197,631	(224,572)
LONG TERM DEBT			
221 Bonds	1,300,000	1,200,000	(100,000)
231 Notes Payable	0	0	0
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES			
232 Accounts Payable	725,159	1,301,090	575,931
235 Customer Deposits	58,144	57,014	(1,130)
242 Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities	10,814	74,353	63,539
DEFERRED CREDITS			
252 Customer Advances for Construction	2,754	2,754	(0)
RESERVES			
260 Reserves for Uncollectable Accounts	99,726	6,310	(93,416)
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION			
271 Contributions in Aid of Construction	2,035,478	2,232,123	196,645
Total Liabilities and Other Credits	<u>12,858,819</u>	<u>13,375,816</u>	<u>516,997</u>

MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR 1997

	Current Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
OPERATING INCOME		
400 Operating Revenue	8,216,399	510,249
OPERATING EXPENSES		
401 Operation Expense	7,501,438	366,680
402 Maintenance Expense	279,162	1,004
403 Depreciation Expense.....	313,234	8,904
Total Operating Expenses.....	8,093,834	376,588
Operating Income.....	122,565	133,661
OTHER INCOME		
415 Income from Merchandising, Jobbing and Contract Work.....	30,658	30,658
419 Interest Income.....	199,235	24,299
421 Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income.....		
Total Income.....	352,458	188,618
INTEREST CHARGES		
427 Interest on Bonds and Notes.....	77,340	(6,860)
431 Other Interest Expense.....		
Total Interest Charges.....	77,340	(6,860)
NET INCOME.....	<u>275,118</u>	<u>195,478</u>

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at beginning of period).....		7,421,637
433 Balance Transferred from Income.....		275,118
434 Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus.....		480,286
435 Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus.....	891,403	
436 Appropriations of Surplus.....	88,000	
437 Surplus Applied to Depreciation.....		
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at end of period).....	7,197,638	
	<u>8,177,041</u>	<u>8,177,041</u>

MIDDLETON ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE TABLES

TABLE 1 REVENUES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u>	<u>INDUSTRIAL</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
1991	1,972,543	1,072,442	4,974,303	91,334	56,993
1992	2,180,461	1,124,474	4,265,945	91,588	64,970
1993	2,033,333	1,139,438	5,215,906	98,747	78,220
1994	1,896,051	1,142,793	5,063,000	89,570	102,573
1995	1,859,774	1,155,507	5,019,718	86,731	276,825
1996	1,879,981	1,120,542	4,563,313	90,629	226,622
1997	1,912,359	1,108,891	5,032,965	98,698	293,379

TABLE 2 USAGE DETAIL

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>KILOWATT HOURS</u>	<u>DEMAND KW</u>	<u>METERS</u>	<u>COST PER KWH</u>	<u>POWER COST</u>
1991	77,198,729	15,320	2,117	0.092	7,102,341
1992	69,779,983	12,456	2,150	0.094	6,571,225
1993	81,824,256	13,800	2,220	0.074	6,054,059
1994	88,908,641	15,920	2,308	0.068	6,039,333
1995	91,896,616	16,610	2,388	0.067	6,195,047
1996	92,859,685	17,870	2,456	0.069	6,417,429
1997	98,822,085	17,770	2,591	0.070	6,929,170

TABLE 3 EXPENSES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>DEPRECIATION</u>	<u>BOND INTEREST</u>	<u>IN LIEU OF TAXES</u>	
1991	8,137,879	118,520	254,075	151,930	99,452	(a)
1992	6,986,478	152,114	260,871	132,210	300,000	(b)
1993	6,653,616	254,420	392,080	122,690	66,000	
1994	6,650,205	244,462	458,939	104,950	76,600	
1995	6,805,938	311,566	489,386	92,450	82,000	
1996	7,106,359	296,363	304,331	84,200	88,000	
1997	7,501,438	279,162	313,234	77,340	138,000	(c)

(a) Includes \$ 32,452 street light bill unpaid and Bond interest credited to Town.

(b) Includes \$ 225,000 in Square Project.

(c) Includes \$ 50,000 in Howe Station Project.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Consolidated Operating Statement

Program Number 1840240001

July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

OPERATING RECEIPTS	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Shelter Rent - Tenant	184,000	192,066
Interest on Investments	2,000	2,618
Other Operating Receipts	2,100	2,319
TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS	188,100	197,003
NON-UTILITY EXPENDITURES		
Administrative Salaries	22,534	22,534
Legal	150	150
Travel	660	59
Administrative Other	9,080	7,679
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	32,424	30,422
Tenant Organization	50	25
Maintenance Labor	35,382	33,048
Material & Supplies	8,000	5,450
Contract Costs	6,195	3,811
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	49,577	42,309
Insurance	5,612	5,411
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,450	3,424
Employee Benefits	15,247	15,028
TOTAL GENERAL	24,309	23,863
Provision for Operating Reserve	0	0
TOTAL RESERVES	0	0
TOTAL NON-UTILITY COSTS	106,360	96,619
Water & Sewer	12,700	11,765
Electricity	52,480	51,128
Gas	35	0
Other - Septic/Sewerage	5,830	5,555
TOTAL UTILITIES	71,045	68,448
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	177,405	165,067
Net Income (Deficit) Before Subsidy	10,695	31,936
NET INCOME BEFORE NON-ROUTINE EXPENSES	10,695	31,936
Prior year & Other Adj. Debit (Credit)	0	0
Extraordinary Maintenance	4,975	4,068
Replacement of Equipment	13,065	11,901
Betterments & Additions	8,740	5,645
TOTAL NON-ROUTINE EXPENDITURES	26,780	21,614
NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)	-16,085	10,322

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Administration Balance Sheet

Program Number 1840240001

JUNE 30, 1997

ASSETS

CASH

Administration Fund	78,075.61
Security Deposit Fund	-160.00
Petty Cash	75.00
TOTAL CASH	77,990.61

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Fed. and EOCD-Sec. 8 Subsidy-Shelter Rent	
Tenant Accounts Receivable	3,828.00
EOCD Subsidy	
Other	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	3,828.00

ADVANCES

Revolving Fund Advances

INVESTMENTS

Investments (Schedule II)	56,751.53
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	56,751.53

FISCAL AGENT FUNDS

Debt Service Fund (Schedule I)	
Debt Service Trust Fund-Cash (Schedule I)	
Debt Service Trust Fund-Investments (Schedule I)	
Debt Service Subsidy (Schedule VI)	

DEFERRED CHARGES

Prepaid Insurance	399.00
Inventory-Materials/Fuel	
Other (Schedule III)	
TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES	399.00

DEVELOPMENT COSTS

Development Cost	2,150,512.35
Less Dev. Cost Liquidation	-101,000.00
TOTAL	2,049,512.35

Inventory of Furniture & Equipment	95,380.60
Dev. Cost Inv. of Furniture & Equip-Contra	-22,829.95
Date of last physical Inventory 06/30/97	
TOTAL	72,550.65

Completed Modernization Cost	363,436.88
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED DEBITS	363,436.88

TOTAL ASSETS	2,624,469.02
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LIABILITIES/SURPLUS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts Payable-Other (Schedule IV)	13,144.75
Contract Retentions	
Tenants Security Deposits	
Employee's Payroll Deductions	224.23
Accounts Payable EOCD Subsidy Overpayment	1,758.20

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	15,127.18
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ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Payment in lieu of Taxes	
Accrued Liabilities-Other	
TOTAL Mat. Int. & Princ. (Schedule VI)	0.00

DEFERRED CREDITS

Prepaid Partial Payments -707	
Tenants Prepaid Rents	1,039.04
Undistributed Credits	
Deferred Subsidy	
Deferred Credits-Other	
TOTAL DEFERRED CREDITS	1,039.04

FIXED LIABILITIES

Grants Issued	1,936,512.35
Bonds Issued	101,000.00
Less: Bonds Retired	-101,000.00
Cumulative EOCD Modernization Contrib.	363,436.88
Notes Issued	
Less: Notes Retired	
TOTAL FIXED LIABILITIES	2,299,949.23

SURPLUS

Valuation of Fixed Assets	72,550.65
Gifts and Donations	113,000.00
Debt Service Reserve	
Unamortized Bond Premium	
Debt Service Requirement	
Debt Service Contribution	
Capital Reserve	5,823.21
Operating Reserve	106,657.39
Net Income (Deficit)	10,322.32
	116,979.71

TOTAL SURPLUS	308,353.57
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	2,624,469.02
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HOUSING AUTHORITY CONTINUED

PROGRAM NUMBER 1840240001

SCHEDULE 1

<u>PROJECT</u>	ACCOUNT 1171 <u>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</u>	ACCOUNT 1172 DEBT SERVICE TRUST <u>FUND-CASH</u>	ACCOUNT 1173 DEBT SERVICE TRUST <u>FUND-INVESTMENTS</u>
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	0	0	0

SCHEDULE II

INVESTMENTS-ACCOUNT 1162				
<u>BANK</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT INVESTED</u>	<u>MATURITY VALUE</u>
MMDT	MONEY MARKET	NONE	50,928.32	NONE
FAMILY BANK	SAVINGS	NONE	5823.21	NONE
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET			56,751.53	

SCHEDULE III

DEFERRED CHARGES-OTHER ACCOUNT 1290	
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	0

SCHEDULE IV

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-OTHER-ACCOUNT 2111	
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	13,144.75

SCHEDULE V

*SCHEDULE OF NONROUTINE EXPENDITURES

PRIOR YEAR & OTHER ADJUSTMENTS DEBIT (CREDIT) - ACCT. 6210

TOTAL - ACCOUNT 6210 0

EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE-ACCT. 6510

Yankee Carpet	3093.10
Paving	975.00

TOTAL - ACCOUNT 6510 4068.10

REPLACEMENT OF NONEXPENDABLE EQUIPMENT-ACCT. 7520

Highland Sales - Office Air Conditioner	575.00
Maestranzi - Leaf vacuum	525.00
Refrigerators	5,244.00
Jacques - Water Heater	1,010.14
McGowan - ADA Renovations/Drapes	2,144.75
Home Depot - Storm Door	188.00
Adirondack - Tables/Chairs	2,214.00

TOTAL - ACCOUNT 7520 11,900.89

PROPERTY BETTERMENTS AND ADDITIONS-ACCT. 7540

McGowan - ADA Renovations/Decorating	954.50
Highland Sales - Office Air Conditioner (2nd)	575
Corporate Express - File Cabinets	4,115.00

TOTAL - ACCOUNT 7540 5,644.50

*TOTAL AMOUNTS SHOULD AGREE WITH PAGE 051-1 (ATTACH SCHEDULE IF NEEDED)

SCHEDULE VI

<u>PROJECT</u>	MATURED INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL <u>ACCOUNT 2140</u>	A/R DEBT SERVICE SUBSIDY <u>ACCOUNT 1176</u>	DEBT SERVICE CONTRIBUTION <u>ACCOUNT 2553</u>
TOTAL PER BALANCE SHEET	0	0	0

HOUSING AUTHORITY

RENT REPORT QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

Program/Development Number	<u>1840240001</u>	No. of Dwelling Units	66
A. No. of Tenants in Possession (Last Day of Current Quarter)			66
B. Total Charges to Tenants (Last Month of Current Quarter)			17,543.00
MODERNIZATION			
MOD GRANTS EXPENDED DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR			209,484.08

The construction work completed included re-roofing at elderly/disabled housing at Orchard Circle and Barrier-Free accessibility at the Community Hall.

MANAGEMENT

The extensive waiting list for family housing continues and is now seven plus years. Unfortunately, this trend won't change unless funding for family housing is increased.

The elderly and the disabled have only had to wait six (6) months for a housing unit and we are pleased to report that we expect this to be the situation for at least the next year.

In conclusion, the Middleton Housing Authority would like to acknowledge the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Public Works Department for their help and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Thurston, P.H.M., Executive Director
Charles M. Collier, Chairperson
Faith Anderson-Stone, Vice-Chairperson
Mary Jane Morrin, Treasurer
Paul J. Clauss, Assistant Chairperson
A. Stephen Inglis, State-Appointee
Paul A. Pellicelli, Maintenance Mechanic

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Middleton Council on Aging and Senior Center has had a busy and successful year serving the elders of the community. Direct services are available to all residents 60 years of age and older. The following report offers a brief overview of some of the activities and services which have taken place between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1997.



Farewell Party

Al Pelletier, Mary DeCosta, Cathy LeClerc,
Margaret Evans, Mary Campano, Al Young

Frank Smerczynski, Sandy Masi, Nunzio
Cotte, Patti Flynn

The Senior Center, which is located in the Old Town Hall at 38 Maple Street, is open three (3) days a week; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are a variety of activities taking place on those days as well as lunch being served.



January Thaw at Angelica's
Sandy Masi & Ethel Lee

Patti Flynn, our Mealsite Director, oversees the lunch program which includes monthly birthday celebrations and special holiday meals. All



residents 60 and over are welcome to join us for lunch. Reservations can be made by phoning the center and monthly menus are available. Home delivered meals are available for those seniors who are unable to get out or prepare food independently. The meal program is funded in part by federal grants, participant donation, and municipal dollars. During the past year:

- ♦ 2,313 congregate meals were served
- ♦ 100 residents participated
- ♦ 3,974 meals were delivered to over 30 residents in need of nutritional assistance at home

Weekly yoga classes are held on Monday mornings and continue to be well attended. Classes are provided by a certified instructor at a cost of \$2 per lesson. Newcomers are always welcome.



January Thaw
Dorothy & Joseph Ferreira

Beano remains very popular and takes place on Mondays following lunch. Olga Martinuk is the caller and organizer through the fall, winter, and spring months. She takes the summer off and participants get to try their hand at calling as people take weekly turns to fill the vacancy.

Full-length movies are shown on Wednesday afternoons following lunch. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the latest movie hits as well as old favorites. Films are

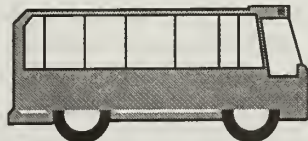
shown on a large screen TV, which allows for increased visibility and closed caption. This is a nice option for those who may be visually or hearing impaired. Refreshments are served during feature presentations.

Information/educational programs are offered throughout the year covering various topics of interest including health, financial, and legal issues. Some of our creative board members have enhanced this component of service by offering refreshments, which provides a social as well as informational program.



Christmas Party at Middleton Senior Center
Nancy Dow, Mary Lawler, Marge Watson,
Josephine Leary, Trudy Dearborn

Transportation continues to be a key element in serving the needs of Middleton seniors. We have a van available for all center activities. The van also transports people locally for groceries, banking, and Post Office needs. Sandi Masi, our van driver, introduced the very popular van mini-trips. Our monthly activity calendar on the back of the menu lists a variety of trips such as Rockport, Brooksby Farm, Salem Willows, and the Topsfield Fair where seniors can enjoy the beautiful North Shore area. Seniors are asked to call the Senior Center to make reservations for the trips



they are interested in. In addition to these transportation services, the van is used for the home delivered meal program. This provides clients not only with food, but a personal contact with Sandy. This regular contact is most important to those who are homebound and something that is eagerly anticipated.

The transportation program provided for area medical appointments is a very busy and worthwhile program. Monthly trips average about 35 with Hazel Proctor dedicating many hours to coordinating and overseeing the scheduling of this service which is provided by local residents.

Last year proved to be successful as always when it came to special events and holidays. The annual Thanksgiving dinner was well attended and the staff here served the meal at the center in order to give volunteers the "day off" to enjoy the occasion. The Christmas lunch and celebration was highlighted by a production of the Howe-Manning 5th grade holiday program which added a lot of cheer to the event. The January Thaw was held at Angelica's with many in attendance enjoying a festive afternoon. Once again the Middleton Board of Trade supported this event with many wonderful donations from local businesses. These gifts were presented to winners of a drawing held during the party. Many thanks to the Board of Trade for their generosity. The annual St. Patrick's Day Party hosted by the Masconomet students was also welcomed by many seniors.



Henry & Marjori Malette
At Angelica's

In addition to the holiday musical the seniors enjoyed numerous opportunities to share time with young people. Throughout the year several elementary school classes visited the center to work on a special craft project together with seniors and to provide entertainment. We also had presentations by local Brownie and Girl Scout troops. These are fun and meaningful experiences that are greatly appreciated by each person involved. We look forward to future visits!

In April, the former Director Cathy LeClerc resigned from her position. During the interim period of hiring a new Director, dedicated staff members Sandy Masi, Patti Flynn and Council members Ethel Lee and Mary Hamilton assumed extra responsibilities. Special recognition goes to these individuals because their dedication enabled a smooth, positive transition for the new Director.



January Thaw
Bob Doyle, Evelyn Kinsvater,
Barabara Bishop, Jean Gage



Peg Sinrich, Mary Hamilton, Dorothea Faulkner

It is important to note the dedication and hard work of the volunteers who spent over 4,500 hours in service helping with meals, maintenance, instruction, transportation, activities and more. The dollar value of these services amounted to approximately \$35,000! What a savings to the Town. These hours of service are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks go to the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, and all the Town departments as well as the members of the Council on Aging Board for helping to make this another successful year in serving the Middleton seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey D. Snively
Director, Council On Aging

VETERANS' SERVICES

My report this year once again focuses on the importance of safeguarding the necessary documents relating to military service, marriage, life insurance and V.A. correspondence.

Discharge papers, marriage certificates or child custody evidence should be secured from fire, theft or loss. This could be one of the most important legacies a veteran will ever leave his family. Other documents that should be protected and filed with other family papers are government and commercial life insurance policies, any VA correspondence with identifying claim numbers, social security numbers, wills, and, where applicable, naturalization papers.

Please remind your families of survivor's benefits as well. These include VA pensions, dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death, burial benefits and interment in a national cemetery.

The few hours spent by the veteran organizing and protecting his documents and informing his family can do much to avoid anguish during times of emotional stress.

Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Law is the state program designed to help veterans, widows, and other dependents in their time of need, which can be either financial or medical.

In every municipality's city or town hall is a Veterans' Agent to assist the veterans or their dependents to apply for financial assistance. Through an interview, the agent determines whether an applicant is eligible for benefits as set forth in MGL c. 115 and its supporting regulations. Part of the process of checking for a veteran's eligibility is an examination of the veteran's overall financial status, such as income, personal possessions, and debts. If the applicant appears qualified, the veteran's agent will provide the veteran with financial assistance

as provided for in a table of allowances (schedule) taking into account such items as income from all sources, debts, number of dependents, size of shelter, living expenses, etc.

The veteran's application is then forwarded to the Department of Veterans' Services where an agent known as an authorizer checks it for correctness of the calculations of benefits authorized and for accuracy. After further check by a department auditor, the State

Treasurer is notified of the amount of money owed to municipalities as reimbursement for assistance to veterans under the provisions of MGL c. 115. Reimbursement is 75% of the municipalities' costs.

The program is intended to provide only temporary assistance. Applicants are urged to seek gainful employment, and the veterans' agents involve themselves in trying to find jobs for them.

Massachusetts is the only state in the country with such a personalized, closely monitored program to provide needy veterans and their dependents with the means for a dignified life

Due to the part-time nature of my position as Director-Agent, please feel free to call on me in the event of an emergency at any time. For routine situations, please call during the day. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Farley



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Another successful year was accomplished under the leadership of Chairman David Thibault.

The summer program, with Maureen Mortalo as Director, was enthusiastically attended by close to 200 children. Approximately 50 people enjoyed a warm July day at Water Country. Although the day was overcast, the rain held off for Middleton residents to spend a fun-filled day at the annual town picnic at Canobie Lake Park.

Swim programs throughout the year were, as always, well attended, as were a few aerobics classes.

The commission supplied safe carving knives for the artists who fashioned pumpkins to be displayed on pumpkin row, a highlight of the annual Pumpkin Festival. Participants were rewarded for their works of art with bags of candy corn and other treats.



The children of Middleton crowded into the Howe-Manning school for the annual Christmas party. After a luncheon of pizza, fruit drink and ice cream, a magician entertained the children. Then came the trip to see Santa who gave them a gift and candy.



The February school vacation found some energetic youngsters (and a few daring adults) roller-skating at the Roller Palace in Beverly.

Gary L'Abbe and Bill Mugford were named as alternate members, with Mr. L'Abbe later going on as a regular member. Sadly, Diane and David Thibault tendered their resignations from the commission, becoming effective August 15th. The commission and the Town owes them both deep gratitude for their years of unselfish work to provide residents with many activities.

David Thibault, Chairman
Priscilla Neal, Secretary
Diane Thibault, Treasurer
Michele Nowak
Gary L'Abbe
Bill Mugford, Alternate

TRI-TOWN COUNCIL ON YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

A 14 year old girl is thinking of suicide after her boyfriend breaks up with her; a 15 year old boy's grades plummet and he gets into a fight in school subsequent to witnessing his dad hit his mom at home; a 16 year old girl is pregnant and afraid to tell her parents; and, a 17 year old boy gets arrested for drinking and driving.

These stories and many more like them, are typical of the issues addressed by the Tri-Town Council so far this school year. In response to such issues, the Tri-Town Council offers services broadly divided into three categories: *Intervention (Counseling)*, *Prevention* and *Community Building*.

Intervention

All told, our two Masconomet-based counselors, Joan Murphy and Helene Levin, have spent in excess of 900 hours working directly with over 300 different Junior and Senior high school students in the first four and a half months of the school year. In addition, our counselors participate in school assemblies, departmental meetings, health advisory meetings, violence and substance abuse meetings, crisis meetings and community meetings. The three Towns were nearly equal in the number of students receiving counseling services.

Our three community-based counselors, Joan Wing, Emily Kirsch and Gary Sinclair, have also provided intervention services to community members including: 25 hours of Employee Assistance to the Town of Middleton; Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) to 25 families; Individual, Family and/or Marriage counseling or evaluation to another dozen Tri-Town residents. We have given telephone consultation and referrals to nearly 150 persons.

The Care Committee (Santa's Helper and Sponsor-a-Family programs) sponsored by the Tri-Town Council and chaired by Elisabeth Meyer of Boxford, raised and distributed nearly \$7,000 to area programs and families in need.



Prevention

The Tri-Town Council sponsored three school-related prevention activities since our last annual report: the substance-free, all-night Post-Prom Party (75 attendees); the substance-free, all-night Graduation Party (176 attendees); and the Fall Sports Pasta Party (324) attendees.

Our prevention message was delivered to church groups, parent groups, community-based committees and clubs. Information on substance abuse and health and safety issues was disseminated by direct mail, school assemblies, classroom visitations, cable television and through newspaper articles and columns.

HORIZONS, our popular after-school enrichment program for elementary school children, is active in all three towns. Janet Gronneberg, the Boxford HORIZONS director reports organizing 18 courses last Spring and 34 courses this Fall involving a total of 406 children. Liza Craig-McCormack, our newly hired director for Topsfield and Middleton reports more modest numbers (6 Topsfield courses with 120 children and one Middleton course with 35 children). Liza expects many more course offerings for the Spring HORIZONS sessions! We bade a fond farewell to our former Topsfield HORIZONS director, Candyce Wainwright, who left the program this year in order to accept a full-time position working with elementary school children.

Community Building

The Tri-Town Council sponsored four community-based events this year: the Tri-Town Community Pride Stride (65 attendees) and the World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil (75 attendees). We also worked closely with the Topsfield, Middleton, Boxford Rotary Club and the Topsfield Lions Club in sponsoring the Fall Foliage Road Race.

In addition, an on-going Workshop or Parent Support Group, was begun in the Fall and continues to be offered every-other week, free of charge, to parents of Masconomet Junior or Senior High School students. Ten different families have participated in this program.

The Council participated in the Pumpkin and Strawberry Festivals this year as well as in various parent orientation programs at the elementary schools and the junior and senior high school.

FUNDING UPDATE

The FY98 Tri-Town Council budget totaled \$187,037. We received funding from the three towns (Boxford, \$21,269, Middleton, \$17,910 and Topsfield \$16,791), the Masconomet Regional School District (\$63,825), and through fund-raising (\$20,509 y-t-d), membership (\$8,765 y-t-d), grants (*\$23,000) and donations (\$500).

*During the budget process last year, various Selectmen and Finance Committee members recommended that the Tri-Town Council seek any additional increases in funding during the year from sources other than the Towns, such as grants from private charitable foundations. In response to those suggestions, we submitted a number of grant proposals, four of which were awarded, thus increasing our grant-derived funding from \$1,000 in FY97 to \$23,300 y-t-d in FY98.

Although we will finish FY98 with a balanced budget, our need for additional funding to support substance abuse *prevention* programs such as after-school, weekend and summer activities for Junior and Senior High School students and increased counseling/educational services for parents of elementary school children is very real.

Thank-you for supporting the Tri-Town Council on Youth and Family Services in our efforts to enrich the lives of local children and families and to **HELP KEEP OUR KIDS ALIVE!**



STAFF

Gary S. Sinclair, LCSW, CADAC-Executive Director, Peg Ross-Office Manager, Helene Levin, LCSW, LMHC-Intervention Counselor, Joan Murphy, M.Ed.-Special Needs Counselor and Peer Education Coordinator, Melissa Fleming, LICSW- Clinical Consultant, Emily Kirsch, MS, CAS-Employee Assistance Counselor, Joan Wing, LICSW-Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, Janet Gronneberg-Boxford Horizons Director, Elizabeth Craig-McCormack-Middleton and Topsfield Horizons Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Caitlin Carey, Masco Junior Class Rep.; Nancy MacDonald, President; Elisabeth Meyer; Larry Schell and Guy Simmons of Boxford

Meghan Cotter, Masco Senior Class Rep.; Jean Forte; John Sieczkowski, Treasurer and Alice Tierney of Middleton

Lisa Gallagher; Bruce Hudson, Vice President; Trish Hudson, Secretary; Louise King and Andrew Nechtem, Masco Sophomore Class Rep. of Topsfield



1998 MIDDLETON MEETING SCHEDULE OFFICE HOURS AND TELEPHONE LISTING



OFFICE	DATE & TIME	PLACE	TELEPHONE
Accountant	Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00	Memorial Hall	978-777-4966
Town Administrator	Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00	Memorial Hall	978-777-3617
Animal Control Officer	Varies	26 Locust Street	978-777-0825
Annual Town Meeting	Second Tuesday in May	North Shore Tech. H.S.	978-762-0001
Annual Town Election	Monday after Town Meeting	Fuller Meadow School	
Board of Appeals	Fourth Thursday 7:30pm	195 North Main Street	978-777-8917
Board of Appeals Ofc	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	978-777-8917
Board of Assessors	Every Tues. 6:00 pm	Memorial Hall	978-774-2099
Assessors Office	Mon, Thurs, Fri - 8:00-4:00pm Tues. 8:00 to 8:00 pm, Wed. 8:00-12:00pm	Memorial Hall	978-774-2099
Conservation Comm.	First Tuesday 7:30pm	195 North Main Street	978-777-1869
Con. Comm. Office	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	978-777-1869
Council on Aging	First Wednesday 9:30am	Old Town Hall/Senior Ctr.	978-777-4067
COA Senior Center	Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-1:00	Old Town Hall	978-777-4067
DPW	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	978-777-0407
Electric Light Dept.	Second Thurs. - Board Mtg 8:00 to 4:00 Mon-Fri.	197 North Main Street	978-774-4313
EMERGENCY	24 hrs	FIRE, POLICE & AMBULANCE	911
Finance Committee	Variable	Fuller Meadow School	
FIRE Department	24 hours	non-emergency	978-774-2466
Fuller Meadow School	Mon-Fri 8:00-3:00	143 So. Main Street	978-750-4756
Board of Health	First Wednesday 8:00pm	195 North Main Street	978-777-1869
Health Office	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	978-777-1869
Housing Authority	Third Monday 7:00pm	Orchard Circle	978-774-4333
Howe-Manning School	Mon-Fri 8:00-3:00	26 Central Street	978-774-3519
Inspections Office	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	978-777-2850
Library Trustees	Second Monday 7:30pm	Flint Public Library	978-774-8132
Planning Board	2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:30pm	195 North Main Street	978-777-8917
Planning Office	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00	195 North Main Street	978-777-8917
POLICE Department	Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00	65 North Main Street	978-774-4424
Recreation Comm.	First Tuesday 7:00pm	Old Town Hall/Senior Ctr.	
Regional School Comm	First & Third Weds. 7:30pm	Masco Admin. Bldg.	978-887-2323
School Committee	2nd Thurs & Variable 7:30pm	Fuller Meadow School	978-750-1955
Board of Selectmen	Every Tues. 7:30pm (Jul & Aug every other Tues)	Fuller Meadow School	978-774-3344
Selectmen's Office	Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00	Memorial Hall	978-774-3344
Transfer Station	Wed, Sat, Sun 7:00-4:00	Natsue Way	
Town Clerk	Every Tues 6:00-8:00pm Mon-Thurs. 9:00-4:00, Fri 9:00 -1:00	Memorial Hall	978-774-6927
Tri-Town School Union	Variable	Fuller Meadow School	978-750-1955
Tax & Treasurer	Every Tuesday 6:00-8:00pm	Memorial Hall	978-774-8327
/Collector	Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00		978-774-1867

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